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Skipper becomes town's youngest ever councillor

LYME Regis has elected its youngest ever councillor in 20-year-old Patrick Ridley.

Mr Ridley, a qualified drive master who currently helms 'Sea Spirit' with Lyme Rib Rides, won a by-election to fill a town council vacancy on Thursday with 314 votes against Joanna Robinson's 249. The turnout was 18.99 per cent.

The 20-year-old is thought to be the youngest person ever elected to the council, a record previously held by former councillor Lucy Campbell, who took up office aged 22.

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He has promised a "fresh view for Lyme Regis" with particular interests in the harbour, seafront and involving young people in the local community.

After the results were announced last night, he thanked all those who voted for him, adding: "I'll try my best to make your vote count."

Mr Ridley will now fill the vacancy on Lyme Regis Town Council caused by the recent resignation of Daryl Turner, who continues to serve on the district and county councils.

Woodmead Halls was the only polling station in yesterday's by-election, as a trial run for a proposal to move to a single polling station system in future elections. Town councillor Cheryl Reynolds collected signatures throughout the day on a petition to see Hallett Court in Queen's Walk reinstated as a polling station.

■ SUCCESSFUL: Patrick Ridley has become Lyme's youngest ever councillor after winning last week's by-election

Town councillor stands for district

LYME Regis town councillor Cheryl Reynolds is one of three candidates to put themselves forward for a vacancy on West Dorset District Council.

Councillor Reynolds, who has served on the town council since 2014, will be standing to represent Lyme Regis and Charmouth as an independent in a by-election on Thursday, September 14th.

She will face competition from Labour candidate Belinda Bawden, of Lym Close in Lyme Regis, and Conservative Paul Oatway, of The Street in Charmouth.

The by-election was called following the resignation of Conservative councillor George Symonds, who said he had lost faith in West Dorset leader Anthony Alford.

If successful, Councillor Reynolds (pictured right) would follow in the footsteps of her younger brother, Councillor Daryl Turner, who also served on both the town and district councils, and now serves on the district and county authorities.

■ GUESTS dressed in 1940s vintage outfits for a fundraising evening at the Marine Theatre on Saturday night. 'A Nightingale Sang in Marine Square' celebrate Dame Vera Lynn's 100th birthday, with entertainment from tribute singer Samantha. See pages 8 & 9 for full story and more photos *Photo by PETER WILES*

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Island Voyagers team welcomed home after charity row around Great Britain

THE Island Voyagers team were welcomed home by family and friends last week, as they completed their row around Great Britain.

The team - which included Lyme Regis rower Nigel Le Gassick, along with Jez Webb, Rhys Dean and Duncan Tebb - are the sixth to complete a non-stop, un-assisted row around Great Britain, and although they did not manage to break the world record, they completed the challenge in the third fastest time of 38 days, three hours and three minutes.

The Island Voyagers set off from Calshot, near Southampton, on July 8th and arrived back last Tuesday, where they were greeted by family and friends and Nigel, a member of Lyme Regis Gig Club, was reunited with his wife and 14-mont-old daughter Olivia.

They rowed in pairs non-stop throughout the journey, taking everything they needed with them in their boat, including dried food and a solar-powered water filtration system to turn seawater into drinking water.

The team have raised raised more than £4,700 for the Honeypot Children's Charity, which provides respite breaks to young carers and vulnerable children, but donations can still be made online at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/islandvoyagers

More information about their challenge and the crew can also be found at the website http://www.islandvoyagers.co.uk

■ **DADDY IS OAR-SOME: Lyme Regis rower Nigel Le Gassick is reunited with daughter Olivia**

■ **BACK ON DRY LAND: The Island Voyagers team were welcomed back to Calshot, near Southampton, last Tuesday after completing a row around Great Britain**

Return of water polo a great success

THE inaugural Lyme Splash Sea Water Polo Championship was held on Sunday, August 13th as one of the last events of Regatta & Carnival Week.

The championship attracted experienced teams from Wales, Weston Super Mare and Bridport, as well as three beginners' teams from Lyme Regis and Yeovil, who played in two categories called the Dash and Splash.

The Welsh Warriors, a team of 13-17 year olds, narrowly lost out to Dash tournament winners from Weston Super Mare, with Bridport's Barracudas in third.

Beginners Nuff Said, from Yeovil, won the Splash tournament, beating Benji's Buoys from Lyme Regis Boat Building Academy, and the Lyme Luggers coming third.

Karen Durham-Diggins, chairman of Lyme Splash, which aims to promote water sports in Lyme Regis, commented: "We had a marvelous turnout for our first event that not only bought water polo back to Lyme Regis, but also raised awareness of the sport. It was fun as well as competitive.

"The event could never have taken place, however, without the generous support of Bridport Baracudas, the ASA water polo referees, volunteers, the Cobb Centre, Lyme Regis Town Council, West Dorset District Council and, of course, our sponsors."

Sam Hanbury of main sponsor Baboo Gelato presented the winners' T-shirts and ice cream vouchers to the winning team and runners up.

"We were so happy to be able to sponsor the inaugural Lyme Splash Sea Water Polo Championship," said Annie Hanbury, founder of Baboo Gelato, which recently opened at the Cobb.

"It was a great success, with all the teams seeming to enjoy themselves and super support from a vocal crowd along the Cobb wall.

"This is exactly the sort of grass roots, local event that makes Dorset so special. Baboo Gelato will definitely be sponsoring the event next year. Many congratulations and thanks to all the competitors, Lyme Splash crew, and organisers."

Karen added: "The response to this event has been incredibly positive from many quarters. Plans for regular water polo practice in Lyme Regis and for a bigger event next year are already being discussed."

Lyme Splash is planning to hold several water-based events in the town every year, with its second Lyme Regis to Charmouth swimming challenge set to take place on Sunday, September 10th with 150 swimmers taking part.

The events raise funds for both national and local charities through donations, sponsorship and raffles.

For further details see the website www.lymesplash.com

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Twinners welcome French visitors

■ VISITORS from Lyme Regis' twin town of Barfleur were welcomed over the weekend. A party from Barfleur arrived in Lyme Regis to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the twinning connection and enjoyed exploring the town and local events, including the Food Rocks festival on the seafront, as well as a trip on the new Jurassic Mule open-top bus. Members of the twinning association and their visitors finished the weekend with a traditional fish and chip lunch in the Lister Room on Marine Parade on Sunday, where they were joined by the Mayor of Lyme Regis, Councillor Michaela Ellis.

Council considers installing new cash points at Bell Cliff

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COUNCILLORS were expected to consider last night (Tuesday) whether to install cash points at Bell Cliff in Lyme Regis, to alleviate the town's ATM shortage.

Following the closure of all three banks in Lyme Regis, the only remaining free cash point, situated outside Tesco Express in Broad Street, has struggled to cope with the influx of visitors during the summer season. The ATM has regularly run out of money, resulting in complaints from frustrated residents and visitors.

The town council has been looking into how it could alleviate this problem, and is now considering installing two free, standalone cash points in the Bell Cliff area of the town.

Councillors Cheryl Reynolds and Jeff Scowen, along with town clerk John Wright, recently met a representative from Cashzone to discuss the possibility on installing a free cash point on council land.

Two sites were identified at the meeting, which Cashzone's business development manager believed would be suitable - on Bell Cliff outside the shop Fossils, and below Bell Cliff next to the town map at the entrance to Marine Parade.

Cashzone would be willing to install the ATMs, covering the cost of installation and submitting any planning applications which may be required.

Withdrawals at the new cash points would be free.

Councillors were expected to discuss the proposal at an extraordinary meeting called last night (Tuesday).

If they approved the locations, it was expected tat the town clerk, mayor and chairmen of the Town Management & Highways Committee and Tourism, Community & Publicity Committee would be given delegated authority to enter a contract with Cashzone.

CRIME REPORT

■ CRIMINAL damage was caused to a tender boat sometime between 5pm on Monday, August 14th and 12noon the following day.

The inflatable tender was moored at Lyme Regis harbour when a hole was cut in the fabric of the boat, thought to be caused by a knife (reference number 55170126338).

■ A SECOND World War brass plaque was stolen from vintage shop Papa Luca, in Broad Street, Lyme Regis, sometime between 12noon on Tuesday, August 15th and 5pm the following day.

The plaque was mounted on a on hardwood frame from a WWII tank (reference number 55170127014).

■ CRIMINAL damage was caused to the car park payment machine in Lower Sea Lane car park, Charmouth, between 5.30pm on Monday, August 21st and 7.20am the following morning.

The machine was cut off but remained in place (reference number 55170129917).

Anyone with information regarding any of the above crimes or incidents is asked to contact Dorset Police on the non-emergency 101 number, quoting the relevant reference number, or report it on online via the website https://www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online/

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

- September 6th - Strategy & Finance, 7pm
- September 19th - Planning, 7pm
- September 20th - Full Council, 7pm

Lyme welcomes sailors from across the globe for international championships

LYME Regis Sailing Club is playing host to visitors from across Europe and as far afield as Australia for the Gul Fireball European and National Championships. Competitors arrived in the town over the weekend and were welcomed by race officials and the Mayor of Lyme Regis, Councillor Michaela Ellis, at a drinks reception in a marquee set up on the slipway on Saturday evening (pictured above). The harbour was busy on Sunday as racing got underway (below) and has continued throughout the week, with guests also invited to social events each evening.

See full racing report on page 56

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Annual show 'bigger and brighter than ever'

CHARMOUTH Gardeners' recent annual summer show was described as "bigger and brighter than ever".

The event attracted more han 500 entries of high quality, which were displayed across two venues - the village hall and St Andrew's Community Hall. Classes included flowers, fruit and vegetables, home produce, handicrafts, photography and children's classes.

Entrants gathered in the community hall at the end of the afternoon to hear the results announced, and trophy winners (pictured above) were able to have a glimpse of their silverware before it was taken away for engraving.

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Woodroffe pupils celebrate top A-level results

DESPITE changes to exams, marking and assesments, students at the Woodroffe School in Lyme Regis once again achieved an excellent set of A-level results, confirming the school's position as one of the most successful fully comprehensive sixth forms in the county.

Nervous pupils arrived at the school on Thursday morning to collect their results, with 59 per cent of entries graded A*, A or B, and 24 per cent A* or A.

Outstanding performances included Alaina Cockerell, who achieved four A*s in chemistry, maths, further maths and physics; Isabella Brown with three A*s and a B; and Ari Saltmarsh with three A*s.

Frieda Hall-Hickman gained one A* and two As to secure her place at Oxford to study history. Lily Whitehead also achieve an A* and two As, and George Chantler, Verity Fuller and Lindsey Johnson all gained three A grades.

Results at AS level were also encouraging with 62 per cent of students achieving a C or above.

Top performers included Cody Lau and Matthew McStea, both receiving four A grades; Mia Cawthorne and Rumi Thompson gained three As and one B; Jack Price gained three As; and Iona Adair, Dominic Beardwood and Luke Johnson received two As and two Bs.

Headteacher Dr Richard Steward commented: "As always, I am delighted to celebrate the success of our sixth formers. I am always impressed by the resilience of students who year on year manage to navigate the complexities of A-level study to attain outstanding results.

"It is great to see so many individuals achieving A* and A grades and pleasing to note the consistency in results across all subject areas; for a medium sized comprehensive school in a rural area, Woodroffe offers an excellent range of subject choices at A-level and it is good to see students performing well in all of them. It is particularly encouraging to see top class performance in both the arts and sciences.

"Despite lots of warnings in the press regarding changes to A-levels and more demanding exam papers, Woodroffe has managed to improve upon last year's results with the average point score for a student's best three A-levels expressed as a grade now an impressive B-.

"Once again students will be leaving Woodroffe to take up places at many of the best universities in the country and I am pleased to say that the majority of students met their target grades and secured university places. We all wish them well and are confident that they are on course to succeed at degree level.

"With constant changes to examination specifications and accountability measures, this has been a difficult year for sixth forms and sixth formers, and it is a tribute to the professionalism and expertise of staff at Woodroffe that students have been guided so successfully through very turbulent waters."

Mark Hix's food festival rocks Lyme Regis

■ LOCAL chef and restaurateur, Mark Hix (left), takes to the demonstration stage at his fifth Food Rocks festival

TOP chefs and quality produce pulled in the crowds at the annual Food Rocks festival in Lyme Regis over the weekend.

Local chef and restaurateur Mark Hix staged the festival for the fifth year, with TV chefs Angela Hartnett and Valentine Warner featuring in the all-star line-up for the demo kitchen in Lister Gardens.

Crowds flocked to the seafront to watch their favourite chefs cook up a storm and to sample top produce from across the South West from stalls set up along the seafront.

Mark also hosted a sell-out crab and mackerel supper in the marquee in Lister Gardens on Saturday evening.

The event raised funds for the RNLI, the Fishermen's Mission and Blue Marine Foundation.

■ CELEBRITY chef Angela Hartnett gave a demonstration to a packed audience and, below, Rose Prince cooks up a storm

Exhibition named one of top events to visit

DURING the last week of August and the first of September, the walls of the Town Mill's Malthouse Gallery in Lyme Regis will be home to a carefully-selected set of contemporary photographs, together with a display of earthenware pottery decorated with bird, leaf and seashore designs.

These are the latest works of two East Devon photographers, Tricia Scott and Lois Wakeman, which are being showcased in a joint exhibition entitled Driven to Abstraction.

Both photographers are fascinated by unseen corners and decay, finding beauty there that others might pass by without noticing in forgotten corners of boatyards, dilapidated buildings, weathered concrete and wood, wakes and waves. A painted hull may suggest an exotic landscape; an abandoned room may provide a serene still life; and the ever-changing patterns of the sea yield abstract studies of colour and form.

The natural world is also an abiding interest for both exhibitors. Lois is interested in minimizing the footprint of her art, concentrating on the local landscape and flora, whilst Tricia is a keen traveller and has a much wider scope for her images.

'Driven to Abstraction' has been selected by Evolver, the South West's premier arts magazine, as one of its top 100 Summer Events to visit, perhaps not surprisingly, given the success of their first collaboration at the mill in 2015.

Lois commented: "Many visitors to our 2015 show were intrigued by the contemporary subjects on the walls, with comments like, 'This makes me want to take my camera up again and really look' being typical. We hope this year's exhibition provokes the same sort of reaction."

The exhibition runs from August 25th to September 6th, is open daily from 10.30am to 5pm, admission is free and more details can be found on www.townmillarts.co.uk

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FOOD ROCKS

■ CROWDS flocked to the seafront where stalls sold the best of South West Produce. Below, Mark Hix and renowned baker Richard Bertinet

■ MARK Hix promotes the Fishermen's Mission with the charity's mascot and, below, with chef Russell Norman

Changes to bus timetables

THE West Dorset Western Area Transport Action Group (WATAG) wishes to advise all bus users that there will be changes to bus routes affecting the three main towns in the WATAG area - Beaminster, Bridport and Lyme Regis.

While full details of the changes are still awaited, WATAG has confirmed that the 40 (Bridport–Beaminster–Yeovil), X51 (Axminster–Lyme Regis–Bridport–Dorchester), X52 (Bridport–Lyme Regis–Exeter) and X53 (Axminster– Lyme Regis–Bridport–Weymouth) will be affected.

A spokesperson for the group said: "Due to the late receipt of information from the main bus operators, WATAG has been unable to produce its 'Bus Times' leaflet for this September prior to the timetable changes.

"We hope to have sufficient information to enable us to give full details of the changes to the media the week before these changes take effect.

"In the meantime, we urge travellers who use these services to contact the relevant bus company for the latest information."

Contact numbers are as follows: Service 40 - 01305 224537, Service X51, X52 and X53 - 0345 602 0121.

Stall in aid of Christmas lights

LYME Regis Christmas Lights Committee will host a stall in the Marine Parade shelters on Sunday, August 27th.

The stall will be open from 10am to 4.30pm and will included cakes, books, bric-a-brac, toys and much more.

A spokesperson for the committee said: "Please come along and support the small fundraising committee who work hard to ensure that Lyme Regis has the best Christmas lights display for miles around."

Fundraisers for museum friends

THE Friends of Lyme Regis Museum will host a second-hand book sale over Monday, August 28th and Tuesday 29th.

The sale will be held in the Marine Parade shelters and will be open from 11am both days.

The Friends' next event will be a quiz night at the Pilot Boat Inn on Wednesday, August 30th.

Teams of up to six people should arrive from 7pm for a 7.30pm start, with entry costing £2.50 per person.

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Entertainment was provided by Dame Vera Lynn tribute act Samantha, and guests enjoyed gin cocktails on arrival and an indoor picnic.

A raffle with top prizes donated by local business also added to funds raised on the night towards the continued improvements and refurbishment of the theatre.

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■ THE welcoming party served gin cocktails to guests as they arrived before an evening of nostalgic song and dance with tribute singer Samantha (pictured right)

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Former Woodroffe pupils to gather this week for big sing

FORMER pupils of the Woodroffe School in Lyme Regis are planning to come together for a mass singing of the old school song.

The event is being staged at Lyme Regis Football Club on Sunday, August 27th with former students travelling from all over the country to take part. One former pupil is planning to travel from America for the event.

All those who attend will pay a fee of £5 which will be donated to Cancer Research UK.

The Woodroffe School song was written by former headmaster Thornton Pearn with music by Brian Manners, who was head of music at the school for many years.

It is hoped that Mr Manners will be able to attend to accompany the singers on an electric keyboard.

The staging of the mass-sing of the school song was the idea of Mr Manners' son, David, also a former teacher at the school and now a successful artist.

He told the View from Lyme Regis: "For many ex-pupils the school song has iconic status. Although not sung at the school any more, wherever there is a social gathering of former students you can bet the school song will always be sung.

"It's amazing how many people say they want to be part of this."

The bar at the football club will be opened at 4 pm on August 27th with the song being sung at 5.30 pm. There will also be a barbecue.

If you can't remember all the words, cut out our song sheet and take it along to join in on Sunday!

WOODROFFE SCHOOL SONG LYRICS

What high endeavour shall our voice proclaim?
What of our purpose, what alway our aim?
What dedication as today we stand,
Sons and daughters of this ancient land?
Sharing together in work and play,
Singing as one in pride of school today,
Oh school! May we be worthy yet of thee!

May we upon ourselves in life rely,
May ever gentleness our strength belie,
And with humility our valour bind,
Cherishing honour in heart and mind
So that, in our labours here,
Forged and disciplined, our purpose clear,
Oh school! May we be worthy yet of thee!

Sing both of triumphs that have gone before,
And of the hope that when we sing no more,
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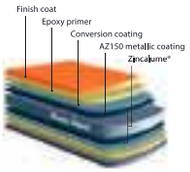

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Last look at carnival week

THERE were so many entries in the recent carnival procession in Lyme Regis that we couldn't fit them all in last week's edition. Here's a last look at the event, which topped off a successful week of family fun organised by Lyme Regis Regatta & Carnival Committee.

■ VOLUNTEERS from the Marine Theatre promoted upcoming productions. Below, Lyme Regis Taekwondo Club as 'Ninjago' and, left, a spooky entry in this year's carnival

■ CARL Salter and Merry Bolton proved a hit with children with their giant bubbles. Right and above right, the procession featured three marching bands. Top right, mayor Michaela Ellis and husband Alan in their buggy car

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View from the churches

SIX funerals (not all in Lyme) and two weddings – all within four months! No, I'm not a vicar, conducting these isn't my job, but I have done both and am happy to help by doing so when I can. I was just present, though taking part in one.

The weddings are still future, and as all weddings should be, promise to be very happy events. Is it wrong for me to say all six funerals were happy events also?

Yes, those bereaved were sad and upset, tears were shed, but that was for their own situation, missing the one who had died and will no longer be present in their lives.

Even the happiest and most contented people, while living in "these earthly bodies, we groan and sigh" occasionally, can "grow weary in our present bodies".

For bereaved people who've lost loved ones whose trust was in the Lord Jesus Christ, they do "not grieve like people who have no hope". They're "fully confident" that to "be away from these earthly bodies" is to "be at home with the Lord."

No wonder the Bible tells Christians to "encourage each other with these words." All six funerals I attended were tinged with sadness, but only tinged. The faith of each departed one was clearly stated, greatly comforting those family and friends who are Christians that the hope of the one who died had been realised.

I find Christian funerals are one of the best advertisements for placing faith in Jesus Christ!

This Sunday 27th, at 4pm in Bethany Chapel, there is a presentation of the work of Hebron Hostel in India for 200 disadvantaged girls. Many girls with nothing and no hopes have eventually become highly skilled in a variety of professions. A full Sunday tea will be served after this.

Rob Greenman,
Bethany Chapel

Someone will get hurt if parking madness continues

YourView

CATCH UP WITH THE LATEST ON ALL THINGS LYME REGIS

I WOULD like to call on our town, district and county councillors to act urgently to sort out the traffic madness in Lyme Regis during July and August.

Red Arrows day was a particular nightmare but many days are just as bad even when there isn't an event going on - just sunshine.

Cars park all along the road and verge, all the way up Sidmouth Road and beyond, and we take our lives in our hands trying just to get out of our drives because the cars on the verge and in the road obliterate the view round the bend, and cars leaving town tend to speed up when they get past the Ware Lane junction.

To get access to go into town (where we are unlikely to be able to park) one of us needs to stand in the road to see if it is safe to emerge. This is crazy.

Think about the taxpayers here please, not the grockles. Residents need double yellow lines all the way up at least as far as Blue Waters Drive.

On Red Arrows day the park and rides filled up early, people were parking on the verges all the way to Ware Cross and beyond to the large lay-by over the Devon border, and all the way into Uplyme to the old Devon Hotel causing chaos. The chaos only got worse when the show was over and people started getting in their cars in the town and trying to leave. I also understand that people were double parking in Broad Street and abandoning their cars to see the air display.

Our town can't cope with this - I hate to think of the state of the public toilets which can't deal with the capacity provided by a normal summer's day.

The people who mainly benefit from these crowds are the publicans (basically Palmers) and cafe owners and retailers. The other locals - the majority of the town's rate payers - hate the traffic problems and the crowds. It feels as if our town is under siege. A friend, who lives in Queen's Walk and who had a hard day's work cleaning for three different people, was distressed and anxious that she would get home at 4.30pm and not be able to park any where near her house.

Might I suggest that, if events are to be held in the town, no permission should be given until the event organiser and the council together have established a proper parking plan? There is plenty of land around the town, including the football club to the east and Woodroffe's playing fields to the west. And as the people who benefit from events are the traders - particularly those at the Cobb - they should be asked to fund shuttle buses and drivers to bring their customers in.

A comprehensive event parking plan should also include having 'Lyme Regis is Full: No Parking' signs on every access road into town.

If the authorities don't act, then the locals very possibly will. Direct action already has had results. We should, perhaps, consider taking our lead from the French residents of Semeac (a town of 5,000 people), who, one morning, constructed a 6ft high barricade to prevent an influx of migrants being foisted on them.

If this parking madness continues, someone will get hurt. In a town with no police and only an occasional traffic warden, we look to our councillors to act to protect us.

Jill Newton
Sidmouth Road, Lyme Regis

Councillors never thanked for their achievements

WHEN a wily old fisherman like Harry May casts his net on the foaming waters of local government (*YourView*, August 16th), who am I to resist the temptation to rise to the bait?

Harry offers the opinion that "it was only a few months ago that Lyme council was the laughing stock of large parts of the country".

Really? The town council is facing increasing pressures as our county and district councils, and organisations such as the banks, steadily erode the services they provide for a town such as Lyme. I just wish that the town council had the authority and resources to take on such services seamlessly - it doesn't, but it is doing what it realistically can.

One of the joys of holding public office is in giving others the opportunity to pillory you; whether deserved or not. And never being thanked for your achievements. That's just the way it is.

Richard Doney,
Lyme Regis

Please support Marine fundraisers

THIS town is amazing at supporting all things Lyme Regis, and has a very loyal volunteer community who work hard to enable our treasured places to remain thriving and vibrant.

I, like so many of my friends, divide as much precious time as possible between these great venues and rely on others to be generous in their support of events to keep them going.

Recently there has been a lot of comment regarding the state of our public toilets and rightly so. We all deserve to be able to use decent toilet facilities particularly with suitable disabled access.

To date facilities at our lovely Marine Theatre have fallen short on this due to outdated plumbing etc but finally we hope to change that. Please help volunteers to assist in making this happen by attending our future fundraising events. We are almost there.

Mary Carver
(by email)

Temporary bus does not meet needs

FURTHER to the letter from the 84-year-old 'fossil resident' last week, I would like to add further comments.

Perhaps users of the 71 bus could have been consulted, as people are not using the temporary bus.

What we need is a timetable and a bus that will run on the 71 route and stop at the bus stops with no booking, etc.

As stated, it would have been better to ask us all our needs.

Another 81-year-old fossil struggling up her hill

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Can we bring back more events missed by locals at carnival time?

■ CONGRATULATIONS to the organisers of the Carnival & Regatta Week.

My infant grandchildren, visiting from Wiltshire, thoroughly enjoyed it – although they are now of the belief that Lyme is a crazy town led by its own real-life 'pirate', by whom I think they mean Alan Vian in his town crier costume.

Through the eyes of a child visitor, carnival week must appear fantastically Disneyesque with its traditions of marching bands, buried treasure on the beach, a procession of torches, the river on fire with candles and red jets loudly zooming about painting the sky with coloured smoke.

All of those essentially 'safe' events are great for the visitors, on whom we depend. But I wonder if the organisers might consider doing something more for the locals at carnival time and next year bring back a few of the crazier traditional events that are now missed by many of us?

I'm thinking especially of the pram derby and the fancy dress nights in the pubs.

In the old days many a local chap – like Dave Austin and Phil Hodder in the archive picture here – would leap at the chance of dressing up like a woman or a baby to rush around the town in the pram race, knocking back and inevitably spilling glasses of beer at a bunch of the pubs.

Others of us would enthusiastically don stockings and suspenders or similar outrageous outfits for the vicars & tarts nights and the other fancy dress-themed occasions that ran in the pubs throughout carnival week.

Of course, times have changed and become more 'correct', and these days there may be some who frown upon grown men dressing up in women's clothes as an excuse for a little bit of a booze-up.

But those days were fun for Lyme locals.

Grockles may have thought we were mad, but so what?

It would be good to see a bit more of the old riotous fun brought back next year. Carnivals are meant to be something of a party, a fiesta. Is it not time to let our hair down again?

Geoff Baker
Sidmouth Road, Lyme Regis

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Extending Charmouth Road park and ride would ease traffic chaos

■ IT seems to me that we are, and always will be, at the mercy of East Devon District Council as to whether we may have the use of Sidmouth Road park and ride.

It would obviously be far preferable for us to have the facilities within our boundaries and I wonder if one solution could be to come to some arrangement with the owner of the land adjacent to the current park and ride at Charmouth Road, by means of purchasing or a long lease to more than double the size of the current one and incorporate an area for visiting coaches.

This would mean that virtually all cars and coaches could be accommodated on the one site, coach passengers could disembark and be ferried into town via the park and ride service with coach companies covering the cost by charging an additional pound or two per passenger, and the service would be far more attractive to park and ride bus operators.

I would envisage all visitors to Lyme be encouraged to use the eastern approach to town, in particular signage for coaches and the park and ride.

Another advantage to this would be to stop all visiting coaches from coming through the town and causing traffic chaos, doing dangerous three point turns by the Pilot Boat Inn, and holding up traffic in Broad Street; the shuttle bus could have a drop off/turning area within a reduced public car park area at Cobb Gate; and the X53, 9A, X52 buses could pick up and deposit passengers in safety at the bus stop instead of having to double park alongside visiting coaches.

At the same time, move the traffic lights to the London Inn and stop the ridiculous congestion in Church Street – traffic would move far quicker instead of constantly stopping/starting or mounting the pavement, which would more than offset any additional waiting time necessitated by a slightly longer wait at the traffic lights.

Margaret McLaren
(by email)

YourView

CATCH UP WITH THE LATEST ON ALL THINGS LYME REGIS

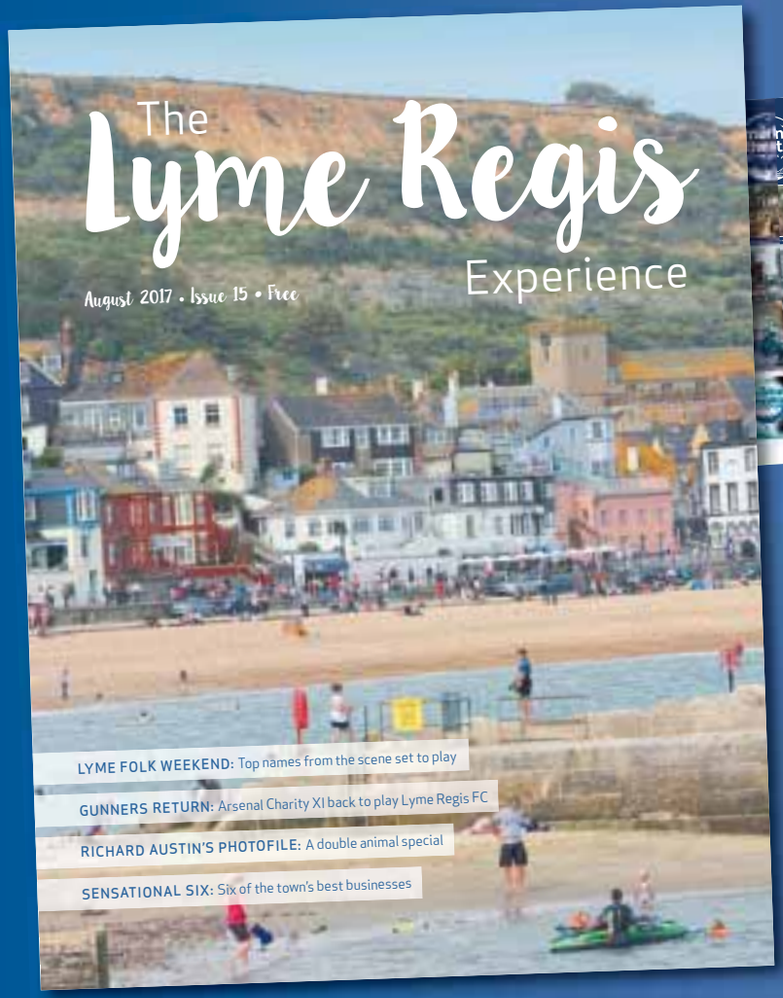
Parking charges don't encourage visitors

■ MY wife and I came to visit Lyme Regis this week and had intended staying for the day and then having our evening meal. However, as this would have cost us £12 for 10 hours in Monmouth Beach car park we only stayed for a shorter time and had our evening meal elsewhere.

How many other people have acted similarly and taken their custom and trade to another town because of the parking cost?

Compare the above charge to my East Devon weekly parking ticket valid in a number of towns, which costs £25. I know which local authority encourages visitors.

John Bilsborough
(by email)



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The day I took out City's Nicky Jennings

I'VE always believed that a good local newspaper has to be part of the community, supporting good causes and providing essential publicity for the dozens of events that can genuinely make a difference for those who have been dealt a bad hand in life.

The newspapers I have edited or managed over the years have never walked away from taking on the difficult stories, putting our heads above the parapet in dealing with officialdom and reporting arrogance of those in authority.

There may have been times when we've overstepped the mark, but we never shied away from making sure our readers had their say.

This was a lesson I learnt when I worked for Jimmy Hall at the *Sidmouth Herald*, about whom I wrote in one of my previous columns.

Jimmy, an ex-Fleet Streeter, wrote a brilliantly fearless column in the *Herald* called 'Frank Burgess'.

It didn't make him popular but it was compulsive reading when the *Herald* sold more copies in Sidmouth than there were houses.

I enjoyed my nine years in Sidmouth immensely and have retained a fondness for the town ever since.

I had a young but enthusiastic young editorial team, two of whom went on to great things in the world of newspapers.

Mark Hollands joined me as a 16-year-old cub reporter and ended up being one of the most influential voices in the press in Australia and is now a successful author.

He worked alongside Geoff Baker, a brilliant writer who went on to find fame in Fleet Street and held down one of the top jobs in public relations, looking after the PR for Beatle Paul McCartney for 15 years.

Geoff is back in living in Lyme Regis these days and works on a freelance contributing to our papers regularly.

He's lost none of his desire for a great scoop and regards Jimmy Hall as one of the greatest influences of his working life.

Geoff and I met up with Mark on a recent visit to the UK to catch up with his family and we enjoyed a meal at the Blue Ball in Sidford, one of our old haunts.

■ The combined Sidmouth Town/Ottery St Mary team which played a celebrity XI in the Chris Salter memorial match back in the early 1980s. Representing the Sidmouth Herald - yours truly (back row, third from left), Mike Beard (back row, third from the right) and a young looking Mark Hollands (front row, third from right)

It's more than 30 years since we worked together but Mark still retains those boyish looks, so evident in the photo above when we played in a charity football match we helped to organise at Sidmouth Town FC.

This event was a classic example of how a local newspaper can play a crucial role in doing a bit of good in the community.

We joined forces with Sidmouth and Ottery St Mary football clubs to put on a charity game for a young father, Chris Salter, an Ottery player who died tragically young.

Westward TV gave their full support with anchorman Ken MacLeod and presenter Alison Holloway, later to become one of Jim Davidson's wives, making an appearance.

Alison kicked off the main game in the tightest pair of shorts I can remember seeing.

A crowd of more than 1,000 turned up for match and we raised a considerable amount of money.

I managed to get on for part of the game and, according to Mark who messaged me on Facebook, I took out Exeter City player Nicky Jennings waist high. Too slow to catch him, no doubt.

■ Westward TV's Ken MacLeod turning on the charm at the Chris Salter memorial match in the Sidmouth Town clubhouse

The fundraising continued in the clubhouse afterwards, with Ken MacLeod leading the proceedings, after which we all "got smashed", according to Mark.

No wonder my recollections of the day are a bit fuzzy so apologies if there are any inaccuracies in the above.

I have been involved in many such events down the years, always with great support from my staff.

In recent times *View From* titles raised £10,000 for the Rotary Water Survival Box charity and for the past two years we have fronted a campaign to ensure the Red Arrows appear in Lyme Regis, retaining a 40-year link with the resort, by raising their fee of around £12,000.

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Abbeyfield hosts summer fair

IN between the showers, Abbeyfield in Lyme Regis recently held its annual summer fair in bright sunshine.

Visitors and residents enjoyed a homemade cream tea, were serenaded by local singer Roy Wooton and his grandson and browsed the crafts, flowers and baked goods stalls.

All the teas and crafts were made by the residents, staff and Abbeyfield volunteers and little was left unsold by the end of the afternoon.

Raffle prizes were generously donated by the shop-keepers of Lyme Regis with thanks going to Ammonite Fine Foods, Tesco, Primary Colours, A Touch of Vintage, Roly's Fudge Pantry, Quality Corner, Arthur Fordham's, Serendip, Papa Luca, Ginger Beer, Liberty & Family, Ryder & Hope, Sicilia, the Town Mill Bakery, and Kathrens Rare Knitwear.

Organisers would also like to thank local residents and volunteers who helped make the such a fun filled afternoon.

Abbeyfield house at Westhill, Silver Street, offers sheltered housing for retirees, and is a charity run for the benefit of the residents. There is currently one vacancy so anyone interested in exploring the idea of independent living plus with two home-cooked meals should get in touch by calling 01297 443783.

FLOWER & DOG SHOW

Whitchurch, Morcombelake and Ryall

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105th Annual Flower and Dog Show

AUGUST Bank Holiday can only mean one thing for the villages of Whitchurch, Morcombelake and Ryall, it is their 105th Flower and Dog Show. The event, which draws over 600 visitors each year, starts at 2pm on the 28th August and is held in and around the Whitchurch Canonicorum village hall (postcode DT6 6RF). Entry to the show costs £1.50, with children under 16 free.

As well as many classes including flowers, fruit, vegetables, handicrafts and "men only" cake competition, there is a grow a potato in a bucket competition with nearly 60 people in the running to see who has grown the heaviest crop. The Family Dog Show with 11 different classes ranging from cutest puppy to best rescue. All dog show classes cost £1 to enter and like the main event, start from 2pm.

There are plenty of things to see and do ranging from Wyld Morris dancers, music, vintage & classic vehicles, raffles, children's games and stalls. Refreshments include a licenced bar, teas, cakes and ice creams.

Flower Show exhibits must be staged between 8:30am and 10:30am. Entry forms (which are available from Morcombelake Post Office and the Five Bells Inn Whitchurch) must be completed and handed in not later than 8pm on Thursday 25th August at either location. Prizes for best in show will be presented at 4:45pm. The Flower and Dog Show finish at 5pm.

Leading up to the main event is the Flower Show Skittles week, which runs from the 24th to 26th August (26th being throw off night). It starts nightly at 8:30pm at the Five Bells Inn, Whitchurch Canonicorum.

A huge thank you from the Flower Show committee to all our sponsors, judges and helpers, without whom the show would not happen. In the event of any surplus funds following the event, they will be donated to local charities. Last year we donated money to charities including Julia's House Hospice and the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

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Organiser, Richard Balson is proud of the fact the Symene Fete is now regarded as the biggest of its kind in Dorset. From 12 noon until 6pm the usually tranquil sports field setting will be transformed into a hive of activity, offering one of the most inventive and entertaining fetes in the South West.

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The ever-popular Car Boot Sale was a hundred and forty strong last year and competition is very keen, so arrive early to secure your spot. With around five thousand visitors browsing, your car boot will soon be empty! For sheer fun, enjoyment and value for money Symene Sports Club Fete is hard to beat! Richard Balson and his band of loyal volunteers says, "Come along on Sunday and have the time of your life!

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Bymead hosts garden party

■ BYMEAD House Nursing Home in Charmouth recently hosted a summer garden party. Staff got into the party spirit and dressed in a variety of costumes for the event and residents were joined by their families for the festivities. Entertainment included performances from a brass band, stalls, face painting and games including hook a duck and stocks and sponges.

Sherlock Holmes writer releases latest book

LYME Regis author David Ruffle saw his latest book published on earlier this mont.

The book is the third in David's 'Tales from the Stranger's Room' series. As with volumes one and two, which were published five years ago, the new book features contributions with a focus on Sherlock Holmes from authors all over the world, including Australia, India, America and more locally from Sidmouth, some of whom are published for the first time.

David commented: "It's a quirky mix of traditional Holmes fiction, non-fiction, puzzles, art work and comedic pieces. "All in all, there should be something for everyone."

David has compiled and edited the collection and contributed some short pieces of his own.

Like all of David's books, the latest release is published by MX Publishing of London and will be available locally and on all book selling websites.

David is now focussing on his next novels, 'Sherlock Holmes and the Scarborough Affair', a collaboration with Gill Stammers, and is also planning to adapt 'Sherlock Holmes and the Lyme Regis Horror' for the stage.

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Films from all over the globe make up Film Society's next season

NOW ENTERING its 53rd season the Bridport Film Society are pleased to announce a wonderful selection of contemporary films hailing from all over the globe. Countries represented in 2017/18 include, New Zealand, Brazil, France, Romania, Sweden and more.

There are many films released each year. Difficult choices have to be made by the committee, who spend many hours watching, deliberating and deciding on which ones will make the cut. This season's selection is diverse and covers a range of genres.

September the 26th is the first date for your diary when the *Hunt for the Wilderpeople* from New Zealand will be opening the season. This heart-warming film sets the bar high but members will not be disappointed by the committee's choice for the remaining eleven films.

Featured on the front of this year's programme is *Embrace the Serpent*, an award winning adventure drama shot in black and white, following two scientists independently travelling up the Amazon in their search for a sacred healing plant. Directed by Ciro Guerra, this film is a Spanish/Portuguese/Aboriginal collaboration.

My Life as A Courgette is the last film of the season. A stop motion animation, it is the story of a young boy sent to live in a children's home. Since its debut at Cannes in 2016 this film has stirred up an overwhelming response on the festival circuit.

Full details for the season can be found at www.bridportfilmsociety.co.uk and printed brochures are available from the Bridport Arts Centre, The Bookshop, Fruits of the Earth and from our stall outside the Arts Centre on Saturday, August 26th from 10am until 12.30pm. Full season membership costs £35 and typically reaches its capacity of 200 members some time before the season begins.

Open air dance at dusk

Landance to perform at Maumbury Rings

LANDANCE will present a unique open-air promenade performance, starting in the Maumbury Rings in Dorchester, at dusk on Saturday, September 2nd..

Dancers from national company Impermanence Dance Theatre, together with local youth dancers, live music, costume and lighting, will animate this performance which starts in Dorchester's Neolithic henge at dusk, then leads the audience into an atmospheric urban landscape as darkness descends.

Since 2006 Landance has commissioned professional artists and performers to create dance performances in outstanding landscapes. Landance performances aim to extend the audience's experience of art and landscape, enlivening it with the relationship between people and rural environment, providing a lasting memory of place.

As part of each Landance project, professional dance artists lead workshops in local schools, drawing inspiration from each project's creative connections with place and focusing on depth of engagement.

Last summer Landance edged into the urban environment, exploring Maumbury Rings and the nearby market area in a research and development phase with dance artists and in youth dance workshops, leading to this year's inclusive performance project.

In 2012, Landance drew 750 audience members across two highly atmospheric performances on the ancient hill fort of Eggardon Hill, as part of the Cultural Olympiad, and in 2014, four fully booked performances took place in the Valley of the Stones near Littlebredy.

This year's Landance performance, in partnership with Dorchester Library & Learning Centre and delivery partners Dorchester Arts, invites audiences on an enticing exploration from the rural into the urban environment and this one-off performance is not to be missed. Tickets are free but please reserve in advance at landance.eventbrite.com.

The performance will go ahead in all weathers.

Flamenco goes Incognito

INCOGNITO is a new production from international flamenco company, Mi Flamenco. Touring at various venues in the UK this Autumn, Incognito is a show, not to be missed. It contains all the spirit of authentic, pulsating flamenco, intertwined with the unexpected. Exciting, moving flamenco dance, powerful song, virtuoso guitar and cello; with lots of charm, imagination and theatre thrown in.

The company, produced & directed by husband and wife team - Ester and Uri Tal - (lead female dancer and guitarist), bring with them other artists of the highest calibre to audiences throughout the UK.

Ester Tal is Dorset born, but was drawn to Spain by her love of everything Spanish, combined with her desire to dance flamenco. She has danced from an early age, inspired by a mother who loved dancing. Flamenco, however, came later. Attracted by the Bohemian gypsy culture, the drama of flamenco and the spirited women in particular, who dance it, she moved to Madrid in 1993, where she met her guitarist husband, Uri Tal. She studied in the world-famous flamenco academy, Amor de Dios, for 7 years and then the couple went down to Jerez in Andalusia, to live, work and study flamenco with the flamenco gypsies. They lived and breathed flamenco for a further 7 years in Jerez, before basing themselves here in the UK, with a mission to bring powerful, authentic flamenco to audiences here.

What is it that attracts a British woman to want to dedicate her professional life to flamenco? Ester explains: "Flamenco has a spirit that is unique. I have always wanted to express myself through dance, but never really fitted into the English dance academy world. The technique and discipline of flamenco dance is tough, but the range of emotion and strength of flamenco dance and the individuality of expression it allows, is addictive. Mi Flamenco is my flamenco family and I feel proud and privileged to be a part of it."

Mi Flamenco (literally My Flamenco), have, at their heart, the gypsy singing from Jerez – the birthplace of flamenco singing. Their powerhouse of a singer, the characterful Luis El Mono, is "Jerez" through and through:

"El Mono sang as if he had fire in his belly, clapping his hands wildly in time with the intricate music and footsteps." Helen Potter Docklands Review Laban Trinity, London 2010

Their lead male dancer, Kelian Jimenez is from one of the most renowned gypsy neighbourhoods in Madrid. He never disappoints. One review, saying that Kelian Jimenez "almost burst into flames during a stunning solo" (Matthew Jenkin News shopper Review) is no exaggeration.

Joining them on this tour is the amazing cellist, Nick Squires, who adds his own particular grace and beauty to Mi Flamenco's new production.

Incognito promises to delight theatre-lovers, and music and dance fans, as well as die-hard flamenco aficionados. The tour is aimed at small audiences for maximum impact and intends to entertain them with beauty, grace, power and the unexpected.

Don't miss Mi Flamenco with Incognito at Bridport Arts Centre on October 7th.

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EVERYTHING is set for this year's Bridport Hat Festival to be bigger and better than ever before. The festival is in its eigth year and is one of the highlights of Bridport's calendar. The main events are on Saturday, September 2nd, but with fun organised from the Thursday through to Sunday, it's set to be a great weekend.

The festival started life as a bit of a crazy idea that surprised its organisers when a few hundred people turned up. It now regularly attracts thousands of hat-wearers from across the country and is a must for serious milliners. As well as being a weekend of fun and celebration, all proceeds are given to head-related charities Brain Tumour Research and Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust.

The festival is based at three outdoor and 12 indoor venues around town with all of them an easy stroll from each other. The organisers are excited about this year's programme of events and are looking forward to meeting you.

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THE BRIDPORT HAT FESTIVAL BY ROGER SNOOK

WHEN John F Kennedy described the hat as a useless appendage the hat industry was, at that time – the early 60s – in decline. His statement sounded the death knell and the hatting industries virtually disappeared, except for millinery creations and a few stalwarts such as the bowler and top hats. The British Hat Council tried to beat the decline with clever slogans such as: "If you want to get ahead wear a hat". Regrettably their efforts were to no avail.

Photo by Sheena Iveson

I had to wear a boater for most of my schooling in Swaziland: this was regarded as a last vestige of the Empire but the custom taught one the etiquette of wearing a hat, since when my interest in men's headwear had never waned and now my little emporium, T Snook – started by my grandfather as a gentlemen's outfitters – is one of the most comprehensive hat shops in England.

Fifty years after those colonial schooldays I found myself starting up the Bridport Hat Festival, the first such event of its kind in the UK. News of the festival spread throughout the British hatting industry, which adopted it with enthusiasm. It turned out we were all waiting for something very like it to happen, it just needed a destination, an untapped enthusiasm from someone 'in the know' and a population willing to run with an exciting new event.

What I had not realised at the time was that Bridport, with its legacy of rope and net-making, had also been a centre of the straw, hemp and flax-weaving and hat-making industry back in the 18th century, when the French Revolution prohibited imports from France reaching our shores. The industry was short-lived but in its day employed great numbers of young girls and women, giving them a craft-based skill and a working wage.

The Hat Festival is held in September each year and is an event at which people can lose all inhibitions about wearing hats, sporting their fun, fancy, quirky, retro, stylish, perched and home-made concoctions. People dig out family heirlooms, occasion hats only worn once, even uniform headwear: it brings out the humour and whimsy in everyone and is a place where one's true character really emerges.

As well as the fun element there is the more serious side. The 'Milliners & Hatters Open Competition' attracts milliners from around the world, with prize money amounting to £900 and entries coming from as far afield as Australia, America and Canada for the best millinery creation. Entries are produced to the highest standard of workmanship and one year saw a Dorset millinery creation take the top £500 prize.

The highlight of the Festival is at lunchtime on 'Haturday', when a mass hatted photoshoot, photographed from on high, takes place in Bucky Doo Square – with thousands of people bedecked in headwear of every description this is quite a spectacle to behold. The mass photoshoot is followed by judging and prizegiving for best hatted ladies, gents, girls, boys and most elegantly-hatted couple – and, new this year, best hatted family or group. It's a must for audience participation.

The Bridport Hat Festival has been described as one of Dorset's quickest festivals, with attendance growing in the first four years to an estimated near-10,000 in 2013. I leave you to make up your own minds on the numbers this year, but with the continued support of the community this is one event that can only get bigger and better.

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ROGER and his wife Monica led the team that brought the festival to life, but after several years' hard work they passed the baton (or should that be beret) to the all-volunteer committee that now runs it. As, year to year, committee members inevitably move on, new members are always being sought.

Anyone who is interested in joining the committee and helping to keep festival running in the future is urged to get in touch on the HatFest hotline 01308 250350 – anyone with previous event management, PR/marketing or administrative experience is particularly encouraged (an enthusiasm for hats is a bonus). The festival is also keen to hear from anyone willing to lend a hand during this year's event itself.

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THE 2017 HATFEST BAG BUSH HAS BLOOMED!

Photo by Sheena Iveson

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10AM
Mayor's Welcome & Town Cryer
In Bucky doo Square

10.05AM – 1PM
Music - The Pop Club Stage
Featuring young musicians from Beaminster, Dorchester and Weymouth Pop Clubs, and solo acts and duos from amongst the members.

10AM – 1PM
On-street **short listing** of the
'Fun' Hat Competitions
Best Lady's, Gent's Girl's Boy's and Family Group Hats plus the Most Elegantly-Hatted Couple
In Bucky doo Square & Millennium Green

1PM - 1.30PM
MASS HATTED PHOTO
in Bucky Doo Square.

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SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2017

TOWN HALL

10AM - 4PM
Hat & Millinery Display
Display of entries for the Hatter & Milliners Open Competition
In the Town Hall

10AM - 4PM
Hatfest, Crafts & Charities' Stands
In the Town Hall

10AM - 4PM
Poster Competition
Display of entries for the School Children's Hatfest Poster Competition

5PM - 5.15PM
Judging & Prize-giving
Judging of the **BEST HAT & MILLINERY TRADE STAND DISPLAY**
Prize donated by Brain Tumor Research

5.15PM - 6PM
Judging & Prize-giving
Final judging and prize-giving of the **MILLINERS & HATTERS OPEN COMPETITION**

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SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2017

ARTS CENTRE

10AM - 4PM
Hat & Millinery Trade Stand

8PM - 1AM
Fringe Event
Beat Safari Dance Party
Bridport DJ collective presents a global music fusion with a jungle theme - and you can leave your hat on! **Over 18s - Tickets £7**

WHEN AND WHERE • YOUR FULL PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2017

MILLENNIUM GREEN

10AM - 2PM
Music - The Milly Green Stage
Featuring local folk bands

10AM - 12.45PM
Bridport Hat Hurling Challenge
Prizes at 12.45pm

10AM - 4PM
Kids' Face Painting

10AM - 4PM
Fast Cartoon Portrait Artist
With PETRA HUGHES

10AM - 4PM
Pop-up Portrait Photos
With ED KILLINGBACK

11AM - 4PM
Psychic Hat Reading
With ROBERT DAY

11AM - 12NOON
Best Hatted Dog Competition
Sponsored by Animal House – all entries get a treat! (Please ensure your dog is happy in a hat)

2PM - 4PM
Music
The St Swithun's Brass Band

SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2017

THE BULL HOTEL

11AM - 12NOON
Talk
"It's all about Hats!" with Bridport Hat Festival founder ROGER SNOOK.
Tickets £5 from Bridport Tourist Information Centre, Snooks the Hatters or on the door

12.15PM - 2.45PM
Millinery Course
"What to do with pre-made Sinamay shapes: stylish hats for a profit!" A course presented by Denise Innes-Spencer of the British School of Millinery.
Booking essential via www.bridporthatfest.org/2017/latest-news/courses

6PM
Cocktails and Fascinators
In the Venner Bar, Bull Hotel

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SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2017

BOROUGH GARDEN

10.15AM - 11AM
Keep Fit
With fitness instructor
LUKE HAYTER

11AM - 11.30AM
Songs & Story telling
With "SNAKE OIL"

11.30AM - 12NOON
Music - Pizza 4 Dogs

12NOON - 12.45PM
Performance
By Bridport's "NO LIMITS" performing arts organisation

SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2017

SOUTH STREET

8AM - 4PM
Bridport Market
Throughout the Town centre

11AM - 11.30AM
Children's Story Time
At Bridport Library

7.30PM - 11PM
Fringe Event - Bridport Ceilidh
At St Mary's Hall

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SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2017

ST MICHAEL'S TRADING ESTATE

10AM - 5PM
Art & Vintage Quarter
At St Michael's Trading Estate

WEST STREET

9.15PM
Music
Live band at The Ropemakers, West Street. Free entry

OTHONA COMMUNITY

2.30PM - 5PM
Fringe event
Open Day. Live music, cream teas, craft stalls.
At Othona Community, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock

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AFTER HATURDAY

SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2017

12NOON - 2.30PM
Mad Hatter's Sunday Lunch
Bottle of wine awarded for the best head attire. Normal size Sunday lunch £10.95, smaller portions for smaller appetites available.
At The Ropemakers, West Street

1.45 - 4.30PM
Tea Dance
Hosted by GLENN BAYLISS in the Bull Hotel Ballroom. Tickets £10 from Bridport TIC & on the door.
At the Bull Hotel

5PM -6PM
Best Lady's Fascinator
Prize award in the Venner Bar. Cocktails available.
At the Bull Hotel, Venner Bar

8PM
Music
Hank Wangford & The Lost Cowboys
Bridport Hat Festival official closing concert.
At the Electric Palace.
Tickets: Advance £12, £14 on the door

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HATS GET SERIOUS: THE MILLINERS AND HATTERS OPEN COMPETITION

ASK most local folk what they think of when they hear 'Bridport Hat Festival' and it's – of course – wearing hats, and fun. But Bridport Hat Festival has a serious side too: the Milliners and Hatters Open Competition.

Distinct from the merry public competitions happening outside in Bucky Doo – also on the main 'Haturday', September 2nd – the prestigious Milliners and Hatters Open is held in Bridport Town Hall and is judged by a panel of eminent industry professionals. The 'M&H' offers all UK and international (and yes, local too) milliners and hatters, whether professional, amateur or student, a top prize of £500, second of £250 and third of £125 (all sponsored by Bridport companies: T Snook hatters & outfitters, Porter Dodson and Aspect Counselling Services respectively), plus coverage in industry 'bible' The HAT Magazine.

Full details at:
www.bridporthatfest.org/competition

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LAST year's Milliners & Hatters Open Competition runner-up (left) by Jennifer Rowley and winner (right) by Bryony Tayler, modelled by Jessica Faraway and Natalie Amor respectively.

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WE are privileged to have as our M&H competition judges Denise Innes-Spencer, founder of the British School of Millinery, and Graham Eckersley, MD of Whiteley Fischer, one of the UK's foremost headwear design & manufacturing companies.

HAT AMNESTY IS DECLARED!

THE Bridport hat Amnesty has been declared! Any unwanted headwear, in reasonable wearable condition, can be taken to Snook's Hat Shop in West Street, where it will receive the respect and sympathetic treatment that it deserves. All the hats received will be re-homed at our Hat Auction which will be held this year on Thursday 31st August at 8pm at the Bridport & West Dorset Club in South Street under the auspices of our host and auctioneer Mr Jim Rowe. This is a fun night and should not to be missed. You never know – you may pick up a bargain! Money raised will be donated to charity including Brain Tumour Research and The Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust (BIRT).

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FOUR HAT MAKING COURSES PRESENTED BY DENISE INNES-SPENCER OF THE BRITISH SCHOOL OF MILLINERY

AUTHOR of the new book Tiara Headdresses launched 2017, Denise has been making headdresses for brides for 25 years. Her experience is vast and she has worked with bridal wear designers including Suzanne Neville, Ben de Lisi and Jane Bolton. Her headdresses have also been sold at Liberty of London and Harrods. The Hat Festival is receiving a donation from the proceeds of these courses.

FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

Courses will be held at The Greyhound Hotel, Bridport in the first-floor function room.

1. Wedding Headdresses with knitted wire and metal pieces

9.30am-12.30pm, 3 hours duration.

Ready-made pieces and diamante are now frequently used components of wedding headdresses. Denise will show you how to use knitted wire to make stunning and high-quality bases to attach the metal pieces.

You will learn:
- How to make and cover a base
- How to incorporate ready-made pieces
- How to decorate and assemble a finished piece
- Make the reverse neat and presentable

From this class, you come away with:
- An item made in the class
- Notes to take home
- Knowledge of how to make a knitted wired base piece

Cost: £75

All tools to use and supplies will be provided

2. Make headbands that do not slip for hats & headdresses

1.15pm – 2.00pm. 45minutes duration.

There's nothing more annoying than making a beautiful headdress only to find that the headband keeps slipping off the head. In this short course, Denise Innes-Spencer shares a special technique for covering headbands to make sure they stay in place.

You will learn:
- How to select the right colour to match hair
- How to make and cover a headband
- How to finish with a neat and professional finish

From this class, you come away with:
- An item made in the class
- Notes to take home
- Knowledge of how to make a non-slip headband

Cost: £25

All tools to use and supplies will be provided

FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

3. Rolling fabric trimmings for hats

3.00pm – 5.00pm 2 hours duration.

They say you are a milliner when you can Block and Roll. Learn the techniques of rolling 3 types of fabric. Cotton organdie for flowers and leaves, Sinamay for bows and drapes and straw fabric for hat trims and loops.
Denise Innes-Spencer will take you all through the techniques of rolling and shaping these fabrics.

You will learn:
- How to make a rolled organdie flower
- How to make a Sinamy rolled bow and drape
- How to make a straw fabric trim suitable for a hat

From this class, you come away with:
- 3 different styles of trimmings
- Notes to take home
- Knowledge of how to make handmade decorations

Cost: £50

All tools to use and supplies will be provided

SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

This course will be held in the Venner Bar at the Bull Hotel, Bridport.

4. What to do with pre-made Sinamay shapes: stylish hats for a profit!

12.15pm-2.45pm. 2 ½ hours duration.

This course is strictly for Beginners and improvers of Millinery techniques.
You can now buy numerous pre-made Sinamay shapes for making hats. In this Mini Make and Take session, Denise Innes-Spencer will show you how to make a fascinator from a pre-made Sinamay shapes – and sell it at a profit!

You will learn:
- How to make shape a ready-made Sinamay piece
- How to attach to a headband
- How to decorate using readymade pieces

From this class, you come away with:
- A Fascinator that is trimmed
- Notes to take home
- Knowledge of how to make a fascinator with ready-made pieces

Cost: £55

All tools to use and supplies will be provided

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KEEP FIT WITH LUKE

THIS year we have decided to give the mad hatters of Bridport some help with their fitness! Local fitness instructor Luke Hayter will be conducting what may well be the UK's first mass hatted fitness event. It will commence at 9am before the official opening of the Hat Festival, in South Street, which will be closed to traffic from 8.30am. All you need to do is turn up – but you must wear a hat!

There will also be a further keep fit class with Luke in the Borough Garden (behind South street) at 10.15am.

BEAT SAFARI AT THE ARTS CENTRE HATURDAY EVENING

WE INVITE you to Beat Safari @ the Arts Centre for the Official Hat Festival Fringe Event on Saturday 2nd of September – Doors open from 9pm - 1am. Get ready for a night of fabulous dancing music from around the world. From Reggae and Latin to Balkan Gypsy beats and Electro Blues. Something for everyone and you can leave your HAT on!

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HatFest T-shirts – these & other souvenir items are available from HatFest stalls & online shop.
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CLOSING CONCERT SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

HANK WANGFORD

AT THE ELECTRIC PALACE

Hank Wangford – Country music's 'King of Pain'

OUR esteemed patron Hank Wangford hosts the Hat Fest's closing party at the Electric Palace on Sunday 3rd September 2017 at 7:30pm

Hank Wangford will appear with his all-star, hard-core country musicians, the Lost Cowboys; The line-up for the Cowboys is Martin Belmont (lead guitars), BJ Cole (pedal steel & dobro), Kevin Foster (bass), Roy Dodds (drums), Brad Breath/Andy Roberts (guitars, mandolin, dulcimer), special guest Sam Spoons (spoons), and of course Hank (guitar & ukulele).

Hank, country music's "King of Pain" is an authentic country singer/songwriter with a wide emotional range, and is renowned on both sides of the Atlantic for his originality and long years on the country music scene. There'll be a celebratory party atmosphere in the elegant interior of Bridport's Electric Palace – and don't forget... the dress-up is just as important as the get down, so pick a decade and dress glamorous – and don't forget your hat, whether stylish, cool or just outrageous!

You can book tickets at the Electric Palace.

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BRIDPORT HAT FESTIVAL 2017 TEA DANCE

THE penultimate event of the Bridport Hat Festival is our Tea Dance. This charming and sophisticated event is being held, courtesy of the Bull Hotel, on Sunday 3rd September 2017. Arrive at 1.45 for a 2pm start. Hosted by Glenn Bayliss in the beautiful Bull Hotel ballroom, tickets are £10 and are available now from Bridport Tourist Information Centre in Bucky Doo square, and on the door. The price includes afternoon tea.

Beginners are welcomed and tuition is available from your host – Glenn Bayliss and there are prizes for the best Lady's Fascinator, sponsored by Aspect counselling services 01308 458600

Dress optional,
Vintage approved,
Hats essential!

Tickets are £10 per person and are available from Bridport TIC.

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THANK YOU WAITROSE!

WAITROSE have generously included The HatFest in August's Community Matters green token scheme. So, when shopping at Waitrose, do place your token in the HatFest section of the Community Matters box. Since its launch in 2008, the national scheme has donated £14 million to local causes chosen by the customers. Each month every Waitrose branch donates £1,000 between 3 local good causes that you choose.

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BRIDPORT HAT FESTIVAL 2017 CHOSEN CHARITIES

THIS year the Bridport Hat Festival will once again support, with profits from our fundraising and space at the Festival itself, the two very worthwhile head-related charities:

Brain Tumour Research

In the UK more children and people under the age of 40 die of a brain tumour than any other cancer – yet brain tumour research is woefully under-funded. Brain Tumour Research aims to raise at least £7 million per annum.
www.braintumourresearch.org

The Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust

A charity that leads brain injury rehabilitation across the UK. It is part of the Disabilities Trust group. We aim to provide the best quality neurobehavioural rehabilitation for people with complex and challenging needs after brain injury. Ultimately, we want to enable service users to participate in life as fully as possible, needing the least possible assistance.
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Danceadelic Bhangra

RSVP is the number one "Danceadelic Bhangra" band, spreading their own wild vibe far and wide across the land – and beyond – since the late 80s.

It's unique sound is a mix of classic Indian music fused with the very latest in the global music scene.

The vibe is based on traditional Bhangra music fused with the best from the global music scene. It's a unique mix of music, dance and performance

There will be an introduction to Bhangra dance so that everyone can party Punjabi style.

With musicians rooted in an authentic living tradition, this is the ultimate celebratory Indian music.

RSVP play at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, September 1st at 8pm. Tickets are £14 adults, and £12 children, available at www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204.

■ RSVP

Back to the 60s

Relive the British Invasion with Johnny Warman and his Magic Bus Band

HEAD back to the swinging sixties on Saturday, August 26th at 8pm with singer-songwriter Johnny Warman and his Magic Bus Band who are returning to the Marine Theatre with their fantastic show 'British Invasion'.

Relive an iconic era between 1964 and 1966 when British bands dominated the American charts and minds as the band performs popular music from the likes of The Beatles, The Kinks, The Rolling Stones, The Moody Blues and many more. You'll be up on your feet and dancing in no time!

Johnny Warman's British Invasion Show performs on Saturday, August 25th at 8pm. Tickets: £15 Tickets can be bought from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre tel 01297 442138 or online www.marinetheatre.com (10% booking fee applies)

■ Johnny Warman and his Magic Bus Band

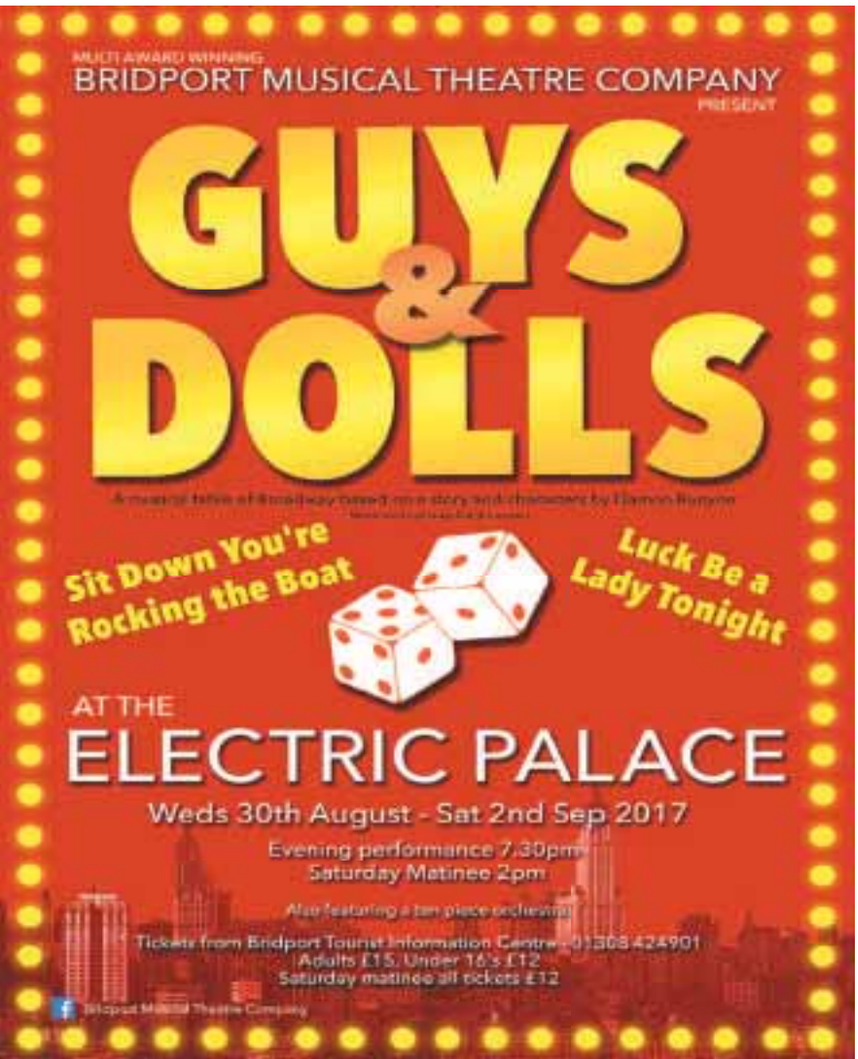
The Smartest Giant comes to town

JOIN the Smartest Giant at the Marine Theatre on Sunday, August 27th at 4pm. Perfect for the Bank Holiday weekend, let the Folksy Theatre sweep you off to a giant adventure as this renowned musical theatre company bring their new show The

Smartest Giant In Town to Lyme Regis. Adapted from the popular children's book by Julia Donaldson, this heart-warming and hilarious story introduces George the giant, who after previously being the scruffiest giant in town decides to go shopping in a bid to improve his image. Follow George as he embarks on his journey home, encountering desperate animals along the way in need of his help. As his generosity and kindness transports him on an adventure, he ultimately learns that looks are not important, it's what's inside that truly matters.

This cheerful musical adaptation is filled with puppetry, music, wonderful characters and a positive message and will have the whole family singing along in no time!

Tickets are full price £12, Cconcessions £10. Tickets can be bought from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre tel 01297 442138 or online www.marinetheatre.com (10% booking fee applies)



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Friday 25 August. 8pm.
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JOHNNY WARMAN'S BRITISH INVASION
Saturday 26 August. 8pm.
All tickets £15
The British Invasion Show, by Johnny Warman's Magic Bus, relives an iconic time between 1964 and 1966 when British bands captured American charts and minds.

WIND IN THE WILLOWS
Thursday 31 August. 7.30pm.
Full £12. Concessions £10
A beautiful new adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's much love classic, The Wind in the Willows features unique handmade fabric puppets and a charming original score.

Box Office: Lyme Regis TIC 01297 442138
or buy online at www.marinetheatre.com
Please note that a 10% booking fee applies to all online and TIC bookings

Live Gigs

Friday 25 August
Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis
Wayne Ellington sings Nat King Cole 8pm.£15/£13

Saturday 26 August
Spice Centre, Dorchester
Bernardo plays continental guitar 8pm. Free entry

Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis
'British Invasion' with Johnny Warman and his Magic Bus Band
8pm.£15

Crown Inn, Bridport
Jess Upton & The Guilty Pleasures
9.30pm. Free

Nags Head, Lyme Regis
Truth Seekers
9pm. Free

Sunday 27 August
Greenhill Gardens, Weymouth
Tony Lowe (Singing the sounds of Sinatra, Buble and Tom Jones)
2pm.

Crown Inn, Bridport
A Tribute to Elvis - Tim Bassett
9.30pm. Free

TOP 10

Top Ten Artist Sales of Preloved Vinyl for week ending Saturday, August 19th compiled by Clocktower Music Bridport

1. The Beatles
2. The Clash
3. Pink Floyd
4. Eddie Cochran
5. The Eagles
6. The Animals
7. Elvis Presley
8. Frank Sinatra
9. Kate Bush
10. Dire Straits

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VIEW2 TRANSMISSION

Your guide to local live music

Relax to the smooth sounds of Nat King Cole

DON'T miss tribute singer Wayne Ellington as he performs the classic hits of the late legendary singer Nat King Cole, whose music sold an excess of 30 million records worldwide, at the Marine Theatre this Friday.

With an incredible talent, Wayne has had an extensive career in the arts and his work has seen him share the stage with the likes of Elton John and Blur. Wayne is the founder of the community choir 'Manchester Inspirational Voices' and this year he led the choir into the finals of Songs of Praise Gospel Choir of the Year. With a warm, silky smooth tone which compliments the enchanting music of Nat King Cole perfectly, Wayne will leave you spellbound.

Wayne Ellington sings Nat King Cole at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Friday, August 25th at 8pm. Tickets are £15 full price, and £13 concessions, available from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre (01297 442138) or online at the website www.marinetheatre.com - a 10% booking fee applies.

SUNDAY BEST PRESENTS
BESTIVAL
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Stage line-ups announced for Bestival's Dorset debut

HIDDEN in the depths of the Lulworth Estate's verdant canopy of trees, The Ambient Forest is Bestival's treasure trove of avant-garde amusements and outlandish adventures. An eye-opening thicket of unexpected wonder, there are bounteous attractions to explore. From deeply wonky beats and divining your fortune, to paint-based mayhem or a cuppa and a sing-song, myriad pleasures await you deep in the woods.

Rob da Bank says: "The Ambient Forest has slowly become my favourite afterhours spot at Bestival... freedom to roam under ancient trees, some patches of calm, some moments of madness and the chance to get Lost in the Woods... spot on!"

If you wander in among the tress of the Ambient Forest you're sure to find deep downtempo sound system thrills with an array of cosmic crusaders including Chris Coco, Mixmaster Morris, Pete Gooding and Flying White Dots.

Voyage further still from one woodland to another, Aespia Festival's 24hr world of interactive art and escapism will manifest at Bestival. With paints, sponges, glitter and art secrets, all bursting from their tour bus, their mission is to encourage everyone to release their inner artists; to connect and to heal through participation, play and collaboration. In true Aespia spirit, they'll bring creativity, celebration and - most importantly - colour, through a delicious concoction of installations, paintings, sculptures, performances, music, poetry and workshops. Join the dappled joys of mind-blowing paint parties and cover canvases, trees and even your mates in paint. Enter the giant three-dimensional canvas and explore, adapt and enjoy.

Explore the disco shack hidden in among the trees, and if you're lucky you'll discover epic dance destinations, including the gramophone-powered delights of Pig's Big Record Club and brand-new botanical bar The Frozen Mole; a subterranean gin palace of earthy cocktails and potent tipples with proper tunes fuelling the heads down action. Just remember, if your names not down, you're not coming in.

Stumble upon stories, conversation and songs over a cup of tea at The Kettle at the Centre of the Universe. One of the friendliest places you're ever likely to find, entertainment is provided day and night and you're encouraged to bring what you can to the circle... a song... a story... or a listening ear.

Onwards into the uncharted you might unearth The Crafty Cabin & Crafty Corner our hands-on havens of imagination. Featuring Katie Jones Knit, Lizzie King Tie Dye, New Craft House, Cosmic's Art Space, Warrior Studios Postcards & Flag-Making, Eden Whispers Dream Catchers, Lola's Junk Jewels, and Peace Signs & Temporary Tattoos with CND, there are almost endless ways to get creative.

Ramble on and uncover the astonishing sights and visions of the Illumaphonium. An interactive installation that unites sound and colour in a truly mind-blowing manner, it's guaranteed to captivate you for hours. And finally, at the end of the unknown you might just find certainty with a visit to our Tarot Card Readers.

The epicentre of wild abandon, don't miss out on the extraordinary spectacles and eclectic joys of the Ambient Forest this September at Bestival.

Jagerhaus

THE Jagerhaus is back at Bestival with a bang! A truly immersive music venue it might just be the ultimate festival destination. The life and soul of Cuckoo Clump, the Jagerhaus will be as eclectic as ever in our new home, hosting the very best bands and DJs. So, whether your thing is indie rock or big fat beats, the Jagerhaus is the place to be.

Kicking things off on Thursday, September 7th there will be a DJ set from Indie behemoth Blossoms, plus Anna Straker, LOYAL and Two Legs.

Heads down action on Friday comes courtesy of a live solo set from Hot Chip's Joe Goddard, plus DIY presents Curtain Call featuring Kagoule, Muncie Girls, Bellevue Days, Free Money and FUR. And The Greco-Roman Soundsystem will be firing up the ones and twos with Supa Dupa Fly's Emily Rawson and Balako.

The Jagerhaus will be jumping on Saturday to an old skool set from Shadow Child plus bangers galore from Fred V & Grafix, and ZDOT Soundsystem with Isaiah Dreads, Eyez & The Manor. Majestic will also be hitting the decks and there'll be music from Jus Now, The Fedz, Two Another and Makola, with DJ sets from Phairo, Data 3, BDJ (Burst) and Lily Mercer.

Wrapping things up on Sunday with some heavyweight behaviour there will be a DJ set from Circa Waves plus music from Idles, Yonaka, Linn Koch-Emmery, Giant Party, Harry Jay-Steele, Jovel, and Disorder DJs.

Pig's Big Record Club

ONE OF Bestival's most cherished institutions, Pig's Big Record Club is a hip-swinging palace of rare delights. Tucked away in the Ambient Forest and featuring an array of vintage sonics, gramophone greats from ragtime to rock n roll and exhilaratingly unusual live acts, it's a mind-expanding gateway to a whole world of incredible music waiting to be discovered.

Pig's Big Record Club curator, Greg Butler says: "We're really looking forward to inhabiting our new home in the Ambient Forest - and we're just so happy to have such a great line-up performing in the Pig's Big Record Club with us. Do come and seek us out and experience music at a different pace and from a different place in space and time..."

Hustling and hopping long into the night Pig's Big Ballroom will see a series of very special live performances including sets from cult favourite John Otway, sea-soaked gypsy folk troupe The Eskies, the legendary Boo Hewerdine Band and rhythm and blues powerhouse, the Original Rabbit Foot Spasm Band. Plus, there will be live performances throughout the weekend from Alex Kirtley, BeauBowBelles, Charlotte Ewart's Ragtime Dance Class, Datum Plane, Flashback Photograph, Henry Nurse Sings, Paul McCaffrey and the Shellac Jam, Redfoot Rockabilly Band, Schrödinger's Strings, The Antipoet, The Black Kat Boppers, The Tom Seals Band and Tony Tune's Rocking Piano.

Featuring a priceless selection of shellac platters and 78s, Pig's Big Ballroom will also play host to jumping and jiving DJ sets from Blues 78s with Matt and Greg, Bunsen Bunny and Flowerbelle, DJ GG, DJ Henry Nurse, DJ Li'l Miss Lonesome, DJ Mr. Jules, DJ Tony Tunes, Dr Sid, Greg's Greats, It's a Wind Up, Jules and Lisa, Not Saffron and The Shellac Collective Roundabout.

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Under the Surface

Paintings and Carvings by David West

THIS major exhibition is currently on show at the Dorset County Museum until 6 January 2018 is supported by the Mansel-Playdell & Cecil Trust and PGP.

For the very first time, 'Under the Surface: Paintings and carvings by David West' brings together 70 of David's most important works from both private and public collections. Spanning 60 years, it reflects the different strands of his development as a painter, sculptor and craftsman, deftly illustrating the progression and interaction between his use of paint and wood, in what is a landmark exhibition for this Dorset artist.

Born in 1939, David West went to Sutton and Cheam School of Art (1956 – 1958) and Camberwell School of Art (1958 – 1960) where he studied painting and printmaking. However, West found the emphasis on accuracy which was a feature of his student days too restrictive, and on leaving Camberwell he began to explore his love of decoration and strong pattern.

■ David West

In the 1960s his work took an unexpected direction as he began to explore flexible ways to construct paintings within a three dimensional framework, which led naturally on to painting on wood. Initially, wood was a substitute for canvas, but he soon became interested in its possibilities, and gradually there was more constructing and carving and less painting.

His carved wooden models are full of acute observation and humour, and reflect the strong interest West has in architecture, and the self-contained world within buildings. His dolls houses were inspired by watching his daughter's imaginative play, and the idea that within the basic structure of a house is a place where imagination can be released.

Some pieces portray actual houses, such as Parnham House and Forde Abbey, others are pure inventions. Later models include a shop and theatre, and Dorset County Museum is lucky enough to have The Spode Set, a miniature theatre carved in wood based on the 'Spode Italian' ceramic design. West's woodcut prints became a natural extension of his carving.

West's move from London to Lyme Regis in 1981 inspired in him a love of the Dorset landscape and coast, and a fascination with the ebb and flow of tides and water. This influence can be clearly seen in his work as he began to carve sculptures based on walks along the beach at Lyme Regis. He has taken an active part in life in Lyme Regis, and in the 1990s had a significant role in the restoration of the Town Mill, where there is a room named after him.

In fact, it was the commission to carve and gild a set of organ pipe shades for St Michael's Church in Lyme Regis which led to using gold leaf to develop the 200 drawings inspired by his trip to Japan in 2008. Variations of footpaths, waterfalls, fishponds and mountain streams are among the many gilded carvings and woodcut prints in the exhibition. These were followed by works related to the Dorset landscape and coast, a series of gilded carvings, 'Night Waves' and 'Moon', combining influences from both Japan and Dorset.

Dorset County Museum is pleased to be welcoming David West back following a successful exhibition at the Museum almost 30 years ago.

■ **David West's piece 'Gig and Fish'.** *Photo by Maisie Hill*

Take a Chance on the ABBA evening at Seaton Tramway

"MAMMA MIA, here we go again!" Seaton Tramway will host an evening of live Abba entertainment with the amazing tribute band 'Take A Chance On Us!' on Saturday, August 26th.

This top quality show has professional voiceovers, costume changes, choreographed dance routines and of course includes all the well-known and favourite ABBA Hits!

The tram departs Seaton at 7.30pm & the performance starts at 8.30pm. Food will be available to purchase on the night. Licensed Bar available at Colyton Station.

Tram and Entertainment tickets are £19 per adult, £15.90 per child 3-15, and children under 3 are £5. Entertainment tickets are £10 per adult, £10 per child 3-15, and children under 3 are £5.

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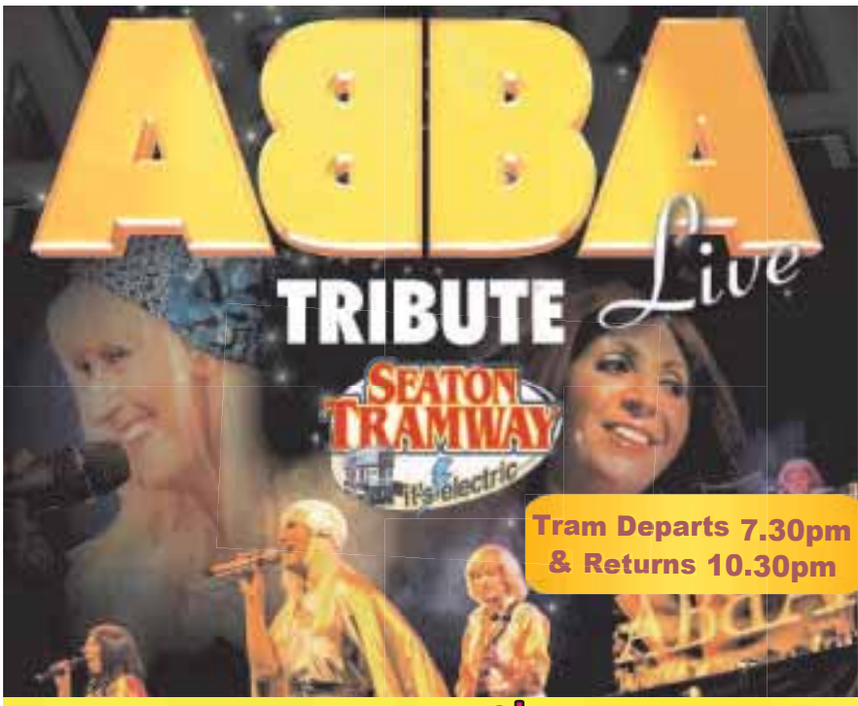

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Family favourite Wind In The Willows comes to the Marine Theatre

THE nation's favourite riverside animals will be at the Marine Theatre on Thursday, August 31st at 7.30pm.

Join beloved characters Ratty, Mole, Badger and Mr. Toad in a brand new adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's classic tale Wind In The Willows. Featuring an original score and beautiful handmade puppetry, this delightful show will captivate your family as you are taken on a wonderful adventure.

The Wind in the Willows meanders into the Marine on Thursday 31 August at 7.30pm and lasts approximately one hour and is suitable for children aged 4+. A delightful way to round off the summer holidays.

Tickets are £12 full price, and £10 from concessions. Tickets can be bought from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre tel 01297 442138 or online www.marinetheatre.com (10% booking fee applies)

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THE BIG SCREEN

This week's releases

DETROIT [15]
AMIDST the chaos of the Detroit Rebellion, with the city under curfew and as the Michigan National Guard patrolled the streets, three young African American men were murdered at the Algiers Motel.
Stars John Boyega, Anthony Mackie and Algee Smith.

LOGAN LUCKY [15]
TWO brothers attempt to pull off a heist during a NASCAR race in North Carolina.
Comedy Stars Channing Tatum, Adam Driver and Daniel Craig.

ROUGH NIGHT [15]
THINGS go terribly wrong for a group of girlfriends who hire a male stripper for a bachelorette party in Miami.
Comedy stars Scarlett Johansson, Kate McKinnon and Zoë Kravitz.

AMERICAN MADE [15]
A PILOT lands work for the CIA and as a drug runner in the south during the 1980s.
Stars Tom Cruise, Domhnall Gleeson and Sarah Wright.

Cinema Listings

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Fri, Aug 25th to Thu, Aug 31st

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American Made [15]
Daily: 17.15, 20.00
Annabelle: Creation [15]
Fri-Mon, Wed: 18.00
Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie 2D [U]
Fri-Wed: 10.00, 12.15, Thu: 12.15
Cars 3 [U]
Daily: 10.15am
Despicable Me 3 [U]
Fri-Wed: 13.00, Thu: 10.00am
Dunkirk [12A]
Daily: 14.30
Logan Lucky [12A]
Fri-Wed: 15.00, 17.45, 20.45
Thu: 13.15, 16.15, 20.30
Rough Night [15]
Fri-Wed: 15.45, 18.30, 21.00
Thu: 15.15, 18.00, 21.00
The Dark Tower [12A]
Daily: 15.30
The Emoji Movie [U]
Fri-Wed: 10.00, 12.30,
Thu: 10.30, 13.00
The Hitman's Bodyguard [15]
Fri-Mon, Wed: 20.30
Tue, Thu: 18.00
The Nut Job 2: Nutty By Nature [U]
Fri: 11.00, 13.15, Sat-Mon, Wed: 10.45, 13.15, Tue: 10.30, 13.00, Thu: 10.15, 12.45

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American Made [15]
Fri-Mon, Wed: 17.30, 20.45
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Despicable Me [U]
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Tue: 13.30, 15.45
Dunkirk [12A]
Fri-Mon, Wed: 15.00, 20.15
Tue & Thu: 15.00
Logan Lucky [12A]
Fri-Mon, Wed: 17.45, 20.30
Tue & Thu: 18.00, 20.45
Smurfs: The Lost Village [U]
Daily: 10.00am
The Dark Tower [U]
Daily: 12.30
The Emoji Movie [U]
Fri-Mon, Wed: 10.45, 13.00, 15.15
Tue & Thu: 9.45, 12.15, 14.30, 16.45
The Hitman's Bodyguard [15]
Fri-Mon, Wed: 18.00

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Bitter Harvest [15] Sun: 19.30
Going in Style [12A] Thu: 19.30

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American Made [15]
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Atomic Blonde [15]
Fri-Wed: 15.00, 17.50
Thu: 13.30, 16.20
Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie [U]
Fri-Sat, Mon-Wed: 10.30am
Cars 3 2D [U]
Daily: 12.10
Despicable Me 3 2D [U]
Fri-Wed: 10.20, 12.40
Thu: 10.10, 11.10am
Detroit [15]
Daily: 10.30, 13.40, 16.50, 20.00
Dunkirk [U]
Daily: 11.40, 14.20, 17.00, 19.40
Everything, Everything [12A]
Fri-Sun: 20.40
Logan Lucky [12A]
Daily: 11.50, 14.40, 17.30, 20.20
Rough Night [15]
Daily: 15.10, 17.40, 20.10
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Diary Dates

UNTIL TUESDAY SEPT 5TH

LYME REGIS: Chelsea Davine's solo exhibition, called Reflecting the Light, focuses on nature, on light and dark, capturing their elusive quality using copper, gold and silver leaf to build layers that create depth and deep tonality. Open daily 10.30-4.30. Free admission. The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23RD

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club Pub Quiz at the Inn Place, Pilot Boat Inn, 7.30pm. Teams of 6, entry £2.50 each.

CHARMOUTH: Join in the 'Pirate Adventure', a fun filled 5km walking trail full of piratical mayhem in the beautiful countryside around Charmouth. Test yer mettle at nine fun pirate challenges along the walk route, enough to keep any young adventurer excited. The cost is only £10 per family. Full info and booking online at www.wackynation.com/adventurewalk

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 281882.

HAWKCHURCH: Bingo at Hawkchurch Village Hall 7pm, eyes down 7:30. This is part of our fete week celebrations and is raising money for the village hall. All welcome. The hall postcode is EX13 5XD. For Bingo queries please contact Brenda 01297 678327

DORCHESTER: Coffee Pop-In at Dorchester Community Church, Acland Road (behind Waitrose) every Wednesday. 9.30am-12noon. Stall selling small items of bric-a-brac etc. In aid of Dorcas Wessex Trust. Everyone welcome.

LYME REGIS: Natural History Museum Big Seaweed Search, Lyme Regis (Booking essential). The UK is home to a staggering 650+ species of seaweed! Join the Heritage Centre in a Natural History Museum Big Seaweed Search survey. All information collected will be sent to the Natural History Museum in London. No knowledge needed, just enthusiasm and sturdy footwear! Booking essential - call 01297 560772.

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society talk at the Uplyme Village Hall, 7.30pm. Talk given by a speaker from the Blackdown Poultry, on "Keeping Chickens in the Garden". Hens can be very useful in keeping down pests and diseases, as well as making good pets. Come along and hear how they can improve your garden and lifestyle, and maybe take on a rescued chicken or two? Members free, visitors £3, and tea/biscuits will be available both before and after the talk.

THURSDAY AUGUST 24TH

CHARMOUTH: Join in the 'Pirate Adventure', a fun filled 5km walking trail full of piratical mayhem in the beautiful countryside around Charmouth. Test yer mettle at nine fun pirate challenges along the walk route, enough to keep any young adventurer excited. The cost is only £10 per family. Full info and booking online at www.wackynation.com/adventurewalk

FRIDAY AUGUST 25TH

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 281882.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 281882.

FRIDAY AUG 25TH - WEDNESDAY SEPT 6TH

LYME REGIS: Driven to Abstraction is an exhibition of abstract and contemporary photography from two East Devon photographers, Tricia Scott and Lois Wakeman, together with some earthenware pottery. Tricia and Lois are both fascinated by the unseen corners and beautiful decay to be found on the shore and inland, as well as more conventional beauty. Open daily 10.30-4.30. Free admission. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

SATURDAY AUGUST 26TH

HAWKCHURCH: Teddy Bear's picnic and parachute jump 12:30 outside St John the Baptist Church in the centre of Hawkchurch. Decorated parachutes will be judged at 1pm and then teddies will parachute from the church tower. This is part of our fete week celebrations. All welcome. The nearest postcode to the church is EX13 5XD. For parachute instructions please contact Meeri on 678 538

SATURDAY AUG 26TH - SATURDAY SEPT 2ND

BEAMINSTER: Mosterton Art Group 29th Annual Exhibition. The group will be showing a diverse range of oil, acrylic, pastel and watercolour paintings together with prints, drawings and stitched textiles. The work, usually over 100 pieces, is of high quality and for sale at very competitive prices. The exhibition is in the Skyrm Room, Beaminster Public Hall, 8 Fleet Street, Beaminster, DT8 3EF. Open 10am to 5pm each day (4pm last day.) Admission free.

SUNDAY AUGUST 27TH

HAWKCHURCH: Companion Dog Show on the Hawkchurch playing field. Entries from 1:30pm, judging starts 2pm. £1 / £1.50 per class. This is part of our fete week celebrations. The nearest postcode to the field is EX13 5XD. For Dog Show queries/schedule please contact Christine 01297 678498

HAWKCHURCH: 'Songs of Praise' in St John the Baptist Church in the centre of Hawkchurch at 6pm. Raise the roof with song! This is part of our fete week celebrations. The nearest postcode to the church is EX13 5XD.

CHARMOUTH: Coastguard demo at Charmouth beach 4.15pm. Witness a rope rescue demo by the Charmouth Coastguard on the beach and learn how to stay safe on the beach! Booking is not required.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: The Annual RNLI Family Fun Day will take place on Fisherman's Green and in the Salt House at West Bay. Highlight of the event will be an air-sea rescue display (subject to weather and operational requirements) with the Weymouth Lifeboat and the new helicopter from Lee on Solent. The display can be viewed from the East Beach or on any of West Bay's piers. Throughout the event there will be fun and games for all on Fisherman's Green and refreshments in the Salt House. The RNLI Duck Race will take place on the River Brit at 3.30pm

BRIDPORT: Bridport Vintage Market 10am-4pm at St Michael's Trading Estate. Vintage and antiques, food, drink, and music.

MONDAY AUGUST 28TH

BEAMINSTER: Aquafit sessions with Penny Yarnold, 11.30am – 12.15pm and 7pm – 7.45pm, at Beaminster swimming pool. Tel 0797 0879 047 for details.

CHARMOUTH: Charmouth Vintage Fair at Charmouth Community Hall, 10am-4pm. All day catering. For more details call 01297 560634.

HAWKCHURCH: Hawkchurch Village Fete from 2pm on the playing field in the beautiful village of Hawkchurch. Traditional village fete with stalls selling a variety of items, games of chance, a bouncy castle, and a grand raffle. Music, majorettes, a children's entertainer and a falconry display provide entertainment throughout the afternoon to keep all the family amused. The nearest postcode to the field is EX13 5XD. For more details please contact Ruth 01297 678354.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 30TH

DORCHESTER: Coffee Pop-In at Dorchester Community Church, Acland Road (behind Waitrose) every Wednesday. 9.30am-12noon. Stall selling small items of bric-a-brac etc. In aid of Dorcas Wessex Trust. Everyone welcome.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND

BRIDPORT: Bridport and District Gardening Club late summer show in the United Church Hall, East Street. Schedules are available on line from www.bridportgardeningclub.co.uk or by calling 01308 424055. The show opens for viewing at 12 noon and entry is free, teas and light lunches are available. There will be a charity plant stall outside the hall from 10am.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Ceilidhs welcomes back on Hat Festival Weekend the long-standing 'Old Pull & Push Band', with their caller Helen Woodall. 7.15 for 7.30pm in Church House Hall, South Street - if you enjoyed the 1st weekend Bridport Folk Festival with its dances, workshops and great folk music around the town, come along and try some more - you can even wear a fancy hat! (prizes will be given!). Bring a finger food supper to share and your own booze (the Woodman Inn is just over the way). £9.00 on the door but better to buy in advance from 'Lime Tree Deli', 'Bridport Music Shop', or order from by calling Monty on 01308 423442 (email monty3dayslate@yahoo.co.uk). See website: www.bridportceilidhs.wordpress.com

AXMINSTER: Swishing Party at Axminster Health & Wellbeing Centre, 11am-4pm. Advance tickets £5 (reserved by calling 01297 32331). Doors tickets £6. Bring garments and shoes for 'swapping'. Maximum number of items - 5 per person. There will also be a cafe (with homemade cakes) and a kids corner. Proceeds to the Centre and community projects.

NORTH PERROTT: Jumble Sale at North Perrott Village Hall, 2pm.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD

BEAMINSTER: Cream Tea at St Mary's Church, 3-5pm. Delicious cakes, raffle. The last scone of summer!

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The competition, which was the second of its kind the agents have run in the last two years, was open to everyone that booked a sales or rental valuation with Mayfair throughout July. Mayfair have nine offices in Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset and Dorset and it was the first year entries had been opened to clients from all offices.

A delighted Ms Brookes visited the agents' office to be presented her winning tickets by Clevedon Sales Manager Steve Pearce.

Steve said: "We're delighted that a client from our office clinched the prize, particularly as it was open to all of the Mayfair offices' clients this year - congratulations to Ms Brookes! Unfortunately, due to typical English weather and the need for perfect flying conditions to allow a safe flight, many balloons were unable to fly on the Saturday at the Fiesta, including ours. However, the winners still enjoyed a glass of bubbly at the event with the other passengers and will be rescheduling their flight for a sunnier day in the near future."

Harriet Stacy-Marks, Sales Manager and Principal of the Beaminster office, added: "The Fiesta is such an iconic event, much loved by a lot of people across the South West. This was our Dorset offices' first year participating in the competition which proved very popular, however there can sadly only be one lucky winner! A big thank you to all of our clients from our Beaminster and Dorchester branches who took part in the draw, and do make sure you keep an eye out for our future competitions!"

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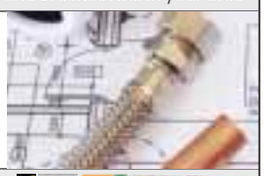
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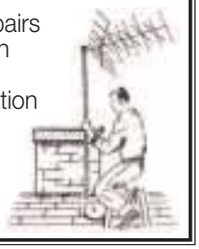

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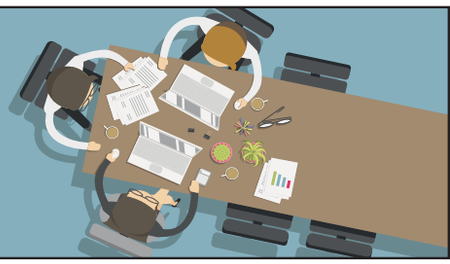

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What a difference 100 years makes: Ford marks centenary of Model TT commercial vehicle

YOU'VE heard of the Ford Model T, but how about the Model TT? Though less well-known, it also had a big impact – as the forerunner to the modern day van and pickup, including today's Transit.

First launched 100 years ago, in 1917, the Model TT was Ford's first purpose-built one-tonne van. Owners could customise the chassis with a cargo bed to transport everything from letters to fuel – just as they can today in the 2017 Ford Transit Custom. The Model TT was first launched in the U.S, and later built at Ford's Trafford Park factory in Manchester.

The Model TT van was longer and stronger than the Model T car, with a cab that could seat one driver and one passenger. The engine was started using a cranking handle on the front. For a smoother ride, customers could choose modern air-filled rear tyres instead of solid rubber.

"It is amazing that while in some ways today's vans are a million miles from the Model TT in how they have come on, they fundamentally do the same job as they were designed to do 100 years ago – providing a flexible means of keeping businesses on the move," said Hans Schep, general manager, Commercial Vehicles, Ford of Europe.

One hundred years later, Ford now offers the best-selling commercial vehicle range in Britain and across Europe, with four commercial vehicles now carrying the iconic Transit nameplate – Transit, Transit Custom, Transit Connect and Transit Courier – as well as the Ford Ranger pickup.

In the UK alone, Ford has maintained market leadership in the commercial vehicle sector for 51 years – ever since the Ford Transit was introduced in 1965. In 2016, Ford recorded its highest-ever year of commercial vehicle sales with 118,000 units.

Transit sales passed its first million milestone in 1976, rapidly passing the next in 1985, 1994, 2000, 2005, 2010 and 2013, which lined up end-to-end would circumnavigate the globe. On average, customers have bought a new Transit every 180 seconds during its lifetime.

A new study, which explores the use of brand words in the British dialect, reveals that the British public now commonly uses the word "Transit" as a generic term for van. The study of 2,000 consumers, conducted by Census Wide, reveals that almost a quarter used the word "Transit" to describe a typical van, and that 46 per cent of Brits believe that a "Transit" refers to a specific size.

Later this year Ford is launching 20 new plug-in hybrid (PHEV) Transit Custom vans - that reduce local emissions by running solely on electric power for the majority of inner-city trips – on a 12-month trial in and around London.

Among those taking part in the trial are the Metropolitan Police and British Gas, which will allow both Ford and the city of London to explore how electrified vans can contribute to cleaner air targets while boosting productivity for operators in urban conditions. The Transit Custom PHEV van is planned for commercial introduction in 2019, part of Ford's $4.5 billion investment into electrified vehicles by 2020.

■ Ford Model TT Panel Delivery truck

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Dacia offers five year warranty with its great value finance deals this summer

NO-NONSENSE car brand Dacia is continuing its range of great value finance offers this summer. A free five year extended warranty is standard on all new Dacias (excluding Access versions) purchased through the RCI Dacia Dimensions Scheme, on a four year PCP or HP deal.

The offer spans the full, recently updated range of award-winning Dacia models, ensuring drivers can own a brand new hatchback, estate, compact crossover or SUV for a lot less than they may have thought. The offers applies to orders placed before the 30th September 2017 for cars registered until the 31st December 2017. The free five year warranty, usually worth up to £395 as an upgrade, replaces the standard three year warranty.

Attracting a deposit contribution of £1000 for diesel versions and £500 for petrol models, the rugged and award-winning Duster, refreshed for 2017, is a highly tempting proposition to savvy SUV buyers. Purchased though a four-year Dacia Dimensions PCP package, the Duster in Ambiance 1.6 16V 115 specification is available from only £149 per month once customers have put down a deposit of £1,780 and also comes with the free five year extended warranty.

■ New Dacia Range

Recently announced as one of the UK's most affordable cars to own and run, and What Car? magazine's 'Best Small Car for less than £12,000' for the fifth consecutive year in 2017, the neatly-packaged Sandero is now even more accessible. Via the four-year Dacia Dimensions PCP deal on the Ambiance SCe 75 model, the practical five-door hatchback can be purchased for as little as £89 per month with a customer deposit of £1,485 with the free five year extended warranty.

Drivers that want a small crossover will want to check out the latest Sandero Stepway offers. Available with a £600 deposit contribution for diesel versions when bought on a four-year Dacia Dimensions PCP deal and £400 on petrol versions, the popular crossover costs from only £99 per month with a deposit of £2,370 for the Ambiance TCe 90 version with a free five year extended warranty.

Equally big on space as it is on value, the Logan MCV comes with a £400 deposit contribution when purchased on a four-year Dacia Dimensions PCP deal. With a £2,078 deposit, customers can experience the model's versatility and spacious interior from only £99 per month with a free five year warranty.

Dacia has sold more than 100,000 vehicles in the UK since it was launched here in 2013 with more than 4.5 million Dacias sold since the brand was relaunched by Groupe Renault in Europe in 2004.

For more information about Dacia's model range, current offers and full terms and conditions, please visit www.dacia.co.uk/offers

The new BMW M5

THE BMW M5 is the original model that started the high performance super saloon genre. Now an all-new sixth generation of the BMW M5 Saloon, will launch in February 2018 equipped with an enhanced V8 engine, a new M-specific, all-wheel drive system known as M xDrive and performance statistics that surpass all previous incarnations.

Key to this heightened level of performance is the introduction of M xDrive and its adaptability thanks to a central control module and the variety of different dynamic modes that can be selected. When first started, the car is in four-wheel-drive mode with the Dynamic Stability Control (DSC) switched on. But it comes with various driving dynamics modes, up to a track-friendly pure rear-wheel drive without DSC.

Power comes from the latest 4.4-litre V8 engine with BMW M TwinPower Turbo technology. It delivers a maximum torque of 750Nm, accelerating the new M5 from zero to 62mph in just 3.4 seconds, making it the fastest M5 yet. Power is transferred to the road via a new eight-speed M Steptronic transmission with Drivelogic.

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Clyst host Uplyme next Saturday in what could be a nervy affair.

The season ends on September 2nd with the visit of midtablers Feniton.

Back to last weekend, and things started well with skipper James Whetlor winning the toss and opting to bat first.

The positive note continued with a 53-run opening stand between Charlie Moss (33) and Laurie Thomas (14). Moss was then bowled by Craig Seward and he was quickly followed by Liam Gorfine for a duck.

Thomas and Mark Batey advanced the score to 85 before the former gave a return catch to Josh Short.

Batey went on to top score with 36 but there little else to cheer with the bat until Whetlor came in and struck 22 in a total of just 141 all out after 42 overs.

Brett Garner (26) helped the hosts to a decent start. But Steve Batey's fine spell of 6-3-15-4, and a brace apiece for Gorfine (2-43) and Whetlor (2-56) kept Uplyme in with a real chance at 109 for 7. But Ollie Reed provided the fizz with an unbeaten 25 as Kilmington edged home in the 26th over.

The Uplyme & Lyme Regis 2nd XI's season-long battle to fielding a team finally ended on Saturday with another cancellation and their points tally revert to 0.

The two remaining scheduled fixtures will likely be postponed as their opponents will be unable to gain any point by playing.

Division C (E)	Pld	Pts
Cullompton	16	263
Alphington	16	237
Whimple	16	221
Feniton	16	212
Clyst Hydon	16	187
Kilmington	16	182
Braunton	16	170
Clyst St George	16	170
UPLYME & LR	16	150
Countess Wear	16	130

2nd XI Division C (E)	Pld	Pts
Upottery	16	246
Barnstaple & Pilton	16	233
Whimple	16	232
Honiton	16	231
Exeter	16	181
Kentisbeare	16	181
North Devon	16	170
Halberton & SP	16	146
Kilmington	16	121
UPLYME & LYME REGIS	16	34

Lyme bowlers beat drop by one point

THE Lyme Regis Bowling club's Men's Championship League team did themselves no favours at POOLE PARK where, they lost all 10 points and to leave them needing a minimum of two points in their last game at home against BRIDPORT to avoid relegation.

And that is exactly what they earned at the Charles Mercer Green on Monday in a nervy 65-54 defeat.

Lyme 2 had a good 8-2 win against WELLWORTHY A which guarantees them promotion into Division One next season.

The Ladies went one better by taking all the points on offer when they played WELLWORTHY on their own green. There's still plenty of work for the ladies to do but, those 10 points have eased things a little at the bottom end of the table.

On Sunday, 28 members played for the PELMAN CUP which sees Ladies and men up against each other in a 3 wood singles, all players playing to their handicaps.

In often miserable conditions, there was some extremely good bowling. Some of our newer bowlers put the frighteners on some of the more experienced ones, several games being decided on an extra end.

The final was contested between Ann Allman and Barry Rattenbury, the latter defending his title from last year.

The weather really turned during this game and by the end there was standing water.

Barry made the most of his chances and, after a shaky start, managed to close out the game to retain his title.

Special mention must be made of Geoff Clode who marked throughout the day including the final.

West Dorset Men's Division Two.

Lyme Regis 2 60 Wellworthy A 47; M McAlpine, J Beadsley, J Moseley, C Barber 15-17; S Dowling, A Henson, A Nabarro, R Legg 21-15; B Driscoll, P Stephens, B Parsons, D Meylan 24-15.

Friendlies: Ilminster 93 Lyme Regis 61; P.Moffitt lost 31-14, A.Weech lost 17-11, C.Barber lost 14-28, P.Weech won 24-15.

Lyme Regis 92 Chardstock 98; P Ward, V Henson, P Stephens, P Moffitt 18-14; A Darvill, B Driscoll, A Nabarro, L Broom 27-14; G Wright, A Rattenbury, J Kesterton, R Legg 16-27; B Smith, N Driscoll, P Knight, J Moseley 16-24; D Sarson, G Clode, N Solomon, R Cridge 15-19.

Lyme Regis 88 Ottery St Mary 54; A Darvill, T Young, P Knight, C Barber 21-11; P Ward, F Sell, S Dowling, A Weech 22-14; B Smith, L Young, A Rattenbury, H Dowling 24-13; V Henson, G Wright, D Sarson, P Weech 21-16.

Full house for Bridport men

SOUTH Dorset Division One leaders Bridport A thrashed bottom side DORCHESTER B 72-41 gaining 10 points; Chris Taylor, Steve Bartlett, Fred Pomeroy & David Smith 30-12; Bob Willcox, Mel Griffiths, Peter Scott & Ken Sanger 17-12; Chris Hall, Peter Carnell,Paul Tibble & Mike Soloman 25-17.

The local derby in the Dorset Championship League saw Bridport win 65-54 at LYME REGIS to earn eight points.

Ben Jones, John Carter & Bob Taylor 26-18; Craig Bosher, Tom Tocher, Keith Brooks & Chris Thorne 23-16; Dave Roberts, Bill Payne, Barry Shortland & Brian Conisbee 16-20.

Unfortunately Bridport A stay bottom of Division One West after losing 43-53 to WEYMOUTH MELCOMBE REGIS gaining two points; B Willcox, M Craddock, P Scott & K Sanger 11-24; C Hall, P Wilson, P Tibble & M Soloman 18-13; C Taylor, M Griffiths, F Pomeroy & K Sanger 14-16.

However, it was not a good week for the Ladies who lost in both divisions of the county league.

In Division One Bridport went down 61-67 at Dorchester. Frances Hewitt, Gill Hunt, Alison Tibble & Margaret Clapp 17-21; Pamela Daters, Mary Eastman, Laura Taylor & Pat Cornick 21-24; Lynne Craddock, Margaret Strange, Rosemary Brooks & Melodie Watts 23-22.

In Division Two, bottom side Bridport B were beaten 58-57 by Branksome Park; Joan Griffiths, Di S Butcher, Marion Tocher & Delphine Street 31-16; Jean Seadon, Pauline Newitt, Sheila Jones & Chris Cowdrey 16-22; Liz Kennedy, Chris Robbins, Jan Tattershall & Jill Willcox 10-20.

The midweek friendly against WEYMOUTH MELCOMBE REGIS resulted in a 105-90 win with Ben Jones, Peter Carnell & Ken Sanger the top triple.

However, they lost the other friendly against Fosseway Tourists 88-122 with just one winning rink; Brian Iverson, Allen Bird, M. Strange & L. Kennedy.

Spot on Aylott wins it for Was-ups

THE highlight of this week's action in the BRIDPORT & WEST DORSET CLUB'S INDOOR LEAGUES was a magical last wood played by Dave Aylott in the **Evening League**.

Renowned for his ability to change a head, and staring defeat in the face, he played an inch perfect bowl to promote one of his sides short bowls right on to the jack to give Was-ups an 11-10 victory over Gazelles, cheered on by team mates Paul Hallett and Brian Suffling.

Sue Caen, Kevin Moys & Phil Hedges' Pirates have a four point lead at the top after a 20-7 win over Chancers.

Potters, comprising Pat Cowmeadow (sub), Eric White & Phil Tattershall, and Bob Hill, Len Guppy & Peter Varney's Totties are joint second after 16-9 and 13-12 wins over Butlins and Dingos.

■ **CHAMP:** Barry Rattenbury (right) receives the Pelman trophy from competition secretary Allan Weech.

Meanwhile, Tracy Marley, Peter Hunt & David Jenkin's unpredictable Renegades beat Jackpots 21-8, and after Tony Sharood, Phil Benton & Mike Parsons' Wyverns shot into a 12-0 lead over Lillywhites before finishing 2, 3, 2 for a 20-8 win.

The top three all won in the **Morning League**; John Boxall, Rose & Chris Everest's Hatters 18-7 against Scuttlebutts, Nova Varney, Brian Baker & Gerry Moss' Supanovas 10-8 over Bandits, and Pat and Martin Waters & Mike Fletcher's Mannequins 15-5 against Hillbillies.

Maureen Hicks, Brian Legg & John Davies's Hotspurs scored a two on the last end to beat Old Timers 17-14, whilst Martin Wilton, Kay Cox & Aylott's Grumblers beat Wickers 12-10.

Gerry Moss, Anne Parkins & Erica Sarson picked up a fine point for Bridport Navy in the County Mixed League with a 14-14 draw against Dolphin Reds.

Golf round-up

Toshiko four clear in Janet Holmes Cup comp

BRIDPORT & WEST DORSET CLUB
with Peter Crowter

THE men's section held a Bogey competition on Sunday competing for **The Ron Sangster Cup** for players under 18 handicap and **The Sanctuary Cup** for those above. A total of 55 players entered on a morning that was cloudy but with little wind.

Plus five was the score that took both cups and the Ron Sangster Cup was won by Jon Legg-Bagg (13). Close behind with +4 was Mike Chivers (13) and in third was Kevin Jones (9) with +3.

Winning the Sanctuary Cup and all out on his own with +5 was Nathan Dunford (18). Runner up after count-back was Stuart Gay (21) with +2. In third with the same score was Andrew Blackmore (19).

Thirteen men entered the **Midweek Stableford** but it wasn't unlucky for Alan Jowett (22) who won the competition with 35 points. Adam Cridlin(10) was one point behind with followed by George Brown (11) with 32.

The VETERANS had another fine breezy day for their self-entry, single division **Stableford** competition.

Jimmy Adams (23) took the honours in the 38-strong field with a 38 point score just beating Brian Holmes (15) who came second with 37.

Then followed two players with 35, with Jimmy Gbadebo (13) taking third place from Mick Kelson((22) after count-back. After them were four players carding 34 points and Marcus Beresford (15) took the fifth spot on count-back.

Bridport vets were recently defeated in two away matches; 5-1 at **Dorset Golf & CC** and 5½-½ at **Dudsbury.**

But it was third time lucky on Monday when they won 4-2 at **Cricket St. Thomas**.

Ladies' Section *with Di Neal*

THE second round of **The Janet Holmes Cup**, a Stableford, was played in pleasant conditions last Tuesday when Ladies that that had not participated the previous weeks Medal round were able to join in playing a qualifying Stableford.

With five pars the winner was Toshiko Ricketts who, after a superb medal round last week, was declared the winner of the cup

Result; 1st Toshiko Ricketts 36 points, 2nd Liz Thompson 32 and runner up of the cup, 3rd Di Neal 31, 4th Roseanne Bonfield 30, 5th Wendy Newton 29 on count back from 5th Julie Woodroffe (also 29).

LYME REGIS *with Richard Jackman*

NEAL Cullen notched up five birdies as he blitzed his way to a masterful 40 points to win the REGATTA STABLEFORD.

Philip Rea and Andrew Moore were hard on his heels as both scored 39 points, but Rea took silver on countback. The MIDWEEK STABLEFORD was won by Brian Rees as he played some brilliant golf to score 40, while Matthew Watson took second with 38 and Roger Seed third on 37.

Jane Dixon won Division One of the LADIES STABLEFORD in tough conditions with 30 points while Anne Humphreys just pipped Ros Cox, to take second spot on countback, both with 29.

Division Two also went to countback as Amy Mudford just beat Jane Broom, both with 34 and it was good to see relative newcomer Ros Clemmans finish on the podium in third with 32.

The JUNIOR ORDER OF MERIT was won by Dominic Beardwood with a wonderfully consistent performance, to record a nett 70, from Lewis Cottam (71) and Lewis Gibbons (76).

The Hardy A team had an excellent home win 6-2 against top of the table Parkstone.

Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
Who's Darted	10	50
Social Clubbers	9	34
Four Caret Gold	10	34
Dat Anchor	10	27
The Rogers	10	19
Beer on us	9	12

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Midnight Runners	7	30
Warm Up	8	30
Emma's Four	8	21
Odd Bods	8	18
Mary's Heroes	7	15

Bridport Skittles

Cup Fixtures

Nomination (R1)

Tues, Aug 29th: Rejects v Lost in Time, BFC v Survivors.

Weds, Aug 30th: Wickers v Pinbashers, Countrymen v Alleycats, Aussies Lot v Denhay.

Thurs, August 31st: Rough Eight v Rockets, Shipfaced v Brandy Snaps.

Friday, Sept 1st: Castouts v Slingers, Pioneers v The Dingles, Stingers v Dingbats, Wanderers v Yo Yos.

Read Howard Larcombe's Perry Street League Review in the Sunday Independent

A view from the Boundary

WITH STUART BROOM

Mitchem produces top all-round display

Dorset Saturday tables

Premier	Pld	Pts
Swanage	16	246
Broadstone	16	237
Poole Town	16	215
DORCHESTER	16	199
Wimborne & C'hill	16	183
Sherborne	16	183
Stalbridge	16	177
MARTINSTOWN	16	139
Shroton	16	135
Shillingstone	16	71

Division One	Pld	Pts
Bere Regis	16	265
Christchurch	16	235
Hamworthy Rec	16	214
Cerne Valley	16	203
CATTISTOCK	16	191
Parley	16	169
WEYMOUTH	16	154
Broadstone II	16	152
Poole Town II	16	139
Wimborne & C II	16	123

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Compton House	16	253
PORTLAND RT	16	251
Blandford	16	223
Witchampton	16	197
Marnhull	16	187
Ferndown Wayf	16	162
Cranborne	16	154
Shillingstone II	16	135
Stalbridge II	16	120
Sherborne II	16	102

Division Three	Pld	Pts
CHARLTON DOWN	16	271
BEAMINSTER	16	208
DORCHESTER II	16	189
Sturminster Marsh'	16	187
Ashmore	15	185
Kingston Lacy	16	180
Hamworthy Rec II	16	138
Dorset Indian Tigers	15	136
Wimborne & C III	16	113
Poole Town III	16	103

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Shaftesbury	14	218
PUDDLETOWN	14	218
Corfe Mullen	15	215
ABBOTSBURY	14	162
Sturminster & Hintn	15	160
Chalke Valley	14	158
Wareham	14	146
RC Sports	14	131
Cerne Valley II	14	104

Division Five	Pld	Pts
Swanage II	11	173
Witchampton II	12	143
Broadstone III	11	126
MARTINSTOWN II	12	122
PORTLAND RT II	10	120
Marnhull II	10	100
Blandford II	10	75

Division Six	Pld	Pts
Bere Regis II	12	210
Bradford Abbas	13	195
Bournemouth	13	137
Wimborne & Col IV	13	117
WEYMOUTH II	12	108
SYMENE	13	73
Stalbridge III	12	8
Winton	12	1

Dorset Sunday tables

Division One	Pld	Pts
Sherborne	11	191
Corfe Mullen	10	156
Dewlish	11	130
CHARLTON DOWN	11	83
Pokesdown Willows	10	81
PORTLAND RT	11	62
Old Blandfordians	10	38

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Hamworthy	12	179
Milborne Port	12	176
WEYMOUTH	12	174
Broadstone	12	160
Dorset Indians	12	158
Witchampton	13	133
Lytchett	14	74
Cheselbourne	13	73

Dorset Funeral Plan League Premier Division

DORCHESTER (17) 158 ALL OUT BEAT WIMBORNE & COLEHILL (6) 119 ALL OUT BY 39 RUNS

SIMON Mitchem was the toast of the town after his all-round display with bat and ball saw Dorchester record their eighth victory of the season.

Electing to bat, the county town found themselves 5-2 and then 23-4 on what was decent track, with Ed Bartlett (3-24) the main destroyer.

However, Mitchem (55) found an ally in Ben Macklin (25) and they added 94 for the fifth wicket before they were both dismissed by Ollie Woodruff (2-16) within a run of each other. With Spencer Naylor and Harrison Bowles also bragging braces, Dorchester were dismissed for a below par 158 all out.

Things didn't look good as Coin Randall (16) and George Bartlett (11) added 39 for the first wicket before Mitchem struck with the ball. He took 6-18 in his 10 overs as Wimborne slumped to 68-7, and only a late rally from Bartlett (23) saw them reach three figures.

Whilst delighted with his performance Mitchem was quick to praise the Dorchester bowlers, particularly Jack Walklett (0-17) and James Dunham (1-19).

"Jack bowled beautifully in tandem with me and on another day would have taken a few wickets himself. However his accuracy allowed me to attack at the other end, whilst James Dunham also produced another superb performance.

"In fact all our bowlers deserve recognition, because none of them conceded much at all.

"I've said it before, that we have strength in depth in our bowling; Dan Belt didn't even bowl; and have one of the best, if not the best bowling attack in the league.

"Unfortunately our batting let us down with not enough applying themselves to the job. At 140 off 40 overs I was hoping for something near 200 on what was a decent wicket."

STALBRIDGE (19) 246-9 BEAT MARTINSTOWN (12) 244-8 BY TWO RUNS

MARTINSTOWN just failed to secure victory at Stalbridge although a healthy losing 12 points ensures their Premier Division status next season.

Ed Nichols stood down as captain for the day to allow Sam Kershaw to lead the side and he got his first decision right by winning the toss and inserting the hosts.

Mike Kennedy-Barnard then produced his most potent bowling display of the season by reducing Stalbridge to 49-4 as he claimed 4-21 from his 10 overs bowling straight through.

However opener Stuart Sweatman proved the stumbling block with a superb 113 and aided by George Coleman (4), the hosts went on to reach 246-9 from their 50 overs, with Tony Jacobs bagging a brace and Nichols, giving himself a rest from behind the timbers, also taking a wicket.

Opener Sean Williams kept one end occupied as he produced a solid 55, and with support from Mike Payne (15), Nichols (19), Kershaw (20) and Teddy Andrews (53) following up last week's half century with another one.

Victory looked a possibilty at 201-3, but Andrews dismissal was the first of five wickets lost for just 23 runs.

Big hitting Matt Camp and Jack Kane (8*) looked to finish it, and needing 10 to win from the final three balls.

Camp smashed the first one for six. He left the next one looking to finish with a final ball four, but failed to find the boundary and was run out two short.

County Division One

HAMWORTHY RECREATION (19) 164-9 BEAT CATTISTOCK (7) 161 ALL OUT BY ONE WICKET

THIS is a game perhaps Cattistock should have won.

With four players held up in traffic en-route, including opening bat Martin Langford and acting captain Brad Damen, Liam Toohill won the toss and decided to bat, promoting Billy Browning to open with him.

Toohill (4) went early, but Browning dug in, facing 104 balls for his 21 runs.

Billy Wallbridge (22), Brad Johns (38) and an unbeaten 40 from Steve Tucker swelled the total as Cattistock were dismissed for 161 with two balls left.

After a bright start in reply with Peter Hoar (14) and Sean Mulley (18) putting on 38, wickets tumbled regularly with Damen (3-18), Langford (3-40) and Sam Baker (2-29) responsible.

At 132-9 it seemed that Cattistock were in the driving seat especially as last man Tim Martin came to the wicket with a dislocated finger attempting a catch when in the field.

However, he and Matthew Avery (48*) carried Rec to victory with Martin (13*) hitting the winning runs with two overs to spare.

WIMBORNE & COLEHILL 2ND (19) 181-5 BEAT WEYMOUTH (9) 180 ALL OUT BY FIVE WICKETS

WEYMOUTH were beaten by one run in a thrilling finish at Wimborne & Colehill 2nds.

Looking for their first win since June 24th and chasing 182 for victory, they fell just two short with nine balls left despite a solid 59 from Harry Mitchell and useful contributions from Dom Webb (22), Dave Pearce (36) and Jack Sapsworth (14).

County Division Two

PORTLAND RED TRIANGLE (20) 75-1 BEAT STALBRIDGE 2ND (0) 74 ALL OUT BY 9 WICKETS

THIS victory and Blandford's defeat at Shillingstone, almost assures PRT of promotion to Division One.

Certainly victory or a close defeat when the two meet this Saturday would confirm it, and with leaders Compton House visiting for the last game of the season, the ball is in Portland's court.

This game did not appear so easy as Stalbridge reached 51-1 before Simon Barrett (5-7) completed a "fifer" and Rich Samuels picked up two wickets without conceding in his one over to see them capitulate to 74 all out.

They must have not been so confident in the reply either as Ray Emery was dismissed in the opening over, a maiden.

However, Simon Proffitt once again clicked into gear with an unbeaten 55 off just 21 balls whilst skipper Matt Randall (14*) watched from the other end as they cruised to victory.

County Division Three

BEAMINSTER (20) 64-1 BEAT DORCHESTER 2ND (0) 63 ALL OUT BY NINE WICKETS

BEAMINSTER completed their eighth win in a row after a comprehensive nine wicket victory against local promotion rivals Dorchester 2nds.

After winning the toss all of the Beaminster bowlers took wickets as Dorchester 2nds were skittled out for just 63 in 32 overs.

Opening bowlers Dave Persey (2-21) and Nick Hollely (1-11) both took wickets in their opening spells to reduce the visitors to 5-2.

First change bowlers Simon Jones (2-8) and Beaminster skipper Ross Baker (3-10) continued to apply pressure by giving the batsmen nothing to hit and with Dorchester failing to build any significant partnerships, wickets continued to fall.

■ **TOP KNOCK** : Nick Voss struck a dozen boundaries in his 94 for Charlton Down

The introduction of Will Moss (2-2-10) and return of Persey to take the final wicket saw the county town dismissed for just 63.

The fielding was superb throughout particularly a diving catch from Chris Park to remove visiting skipper Mike Peak.

Although Beaminster lost a wicket in the first over, Ross Baker (35 not out) and Simon Jones (21 not out) shared a 60 run unbeaten partnership to win the game in style.

Beaminster have now moved into second place in the table and face Hamworthy 2nds away next week with just two games to go.

CHARLTON DOWN (20) 200-4 BEAT DORSET INDIAN TIGERS (9) 192 ALL OUT BY SIX WICKETS

CHARLTON Down made it a "Bakers dozen" in victories with their closest game of the season and became the only unbeaten team in the Dorset Leagues after Bere Regis lost, although a very talented Dorset Indian Tigers team ran them close.

'Down were invited to bat on a damp wicket which was offering lots of encouragement to the Indian opening bowlers.

Nick Voss and Jae Miller batted cautiously seeing off the dangerous bowling of Saeed Khan (1-17) only scoring 66 off 22 overs.

But they then cashed on their hard work and accelerated the run rate against the change bowlers; the century partnership coming in the 28th over.

It wasn't until the 35th over that the returning Saeed Khan bowled Miller (64) to end his two hour stay at the crease with the score on 140-1.

Voss took over from Miller as the aggressor, driving and pulling the ball to all parts of the ground before he was eventually out after 2½ hours for a fine 94 (8x4, 4x6) in the penultimate over with the score on 200-4.

The visitors decided to attack from ball one, 17 runs coming from the first two overs. But James Pretty and Matt Stevens struck to leave them 31-2.

With Pretty (2-34) trapping the impressive Saeed Khan for a swashbuckling 25 and the evergreen Rich Fagence (2-23) picking up a brace alongside 15-year-old Ollie Davies, unlucky not to pick up a wicket on his first team debut, the Indians reply looked to be falling apart at 84-5.

However, the big hitting Shafiq Uria decided to smash a quickfire 52 and bring the Tigers back into the game before being bowled by Javed Gill (1-14) with the score on 137-6, but Voss (2-31) turned the game back towards the hosts taking two quick wickets to leave the score on 145-8.

With the daunting task of 55 runs still required from 10 overs, captain Ashish Sharma crashed 28 runs to see his team on the brink of victory before the returning Matt Stevens had him caught.

The Tigers remained favourites needing eight runs from five overs, but it was Matt Stevens (3-18) again who delivered the winning ball bowling Tyson Luiz (13) and snatch the victory for Charlton Down and keep their unbeaten run for the season alive with two matches remaining.

County Division Four

ABBOTSBURY (19) 171 ALL OUT BEAT CERNE VALLEY 2ND (8) 137 ALL OUT BY 34 RUNS

SIMON Pengelly was run out one run short of his century as Abbotsbury defeated bottom side Cerne Valley 2nds by 34 runs.

The Swans captain had useful support from Simon Allen (26), Ashley Harrow (14) and Kynan Brian (10) as they reached 157-2, but the tail folded under the bowling of Matt Longley (4-14) as they were dismissed for 171 all out.

Whilst eight visiting batsmen got into double figures no one could get on top of Krishnan Subramanian (3-20) or Allen (3-26) and they were finally dismissed with four balls remaining.

PUDDLETOWN (20) 182-8 BEAT ROYAL CHALLENGERS SPORTS (4) 60 ALL OUT BY 122 RUNS

THIS comfortable win against depleted opponents saw Puddletown move up to second place, equal on points with Shaftesbury who remain top due to their win against the villagers earlier in the season in addition to having one more win in total to date.

Some tight bowling restricted the hosts scoring when they batted, but Lucas Allen (67) held firm, and together with Tim Orford (22) and skipper Adam Barrett (45) they gradually increased the scoring rate to post a challenging total 182-9, albeit accompanied by a steady fall of wickets.

Joby Matthew (5-34) was the best of The Challengers' bowlers, although the opening pair of Jiju (8-0-24-0) and Eldho John (8-1-20-2) were also impressive.

The visitors' innings never really got going, and wickets fell in a steady stream with only Eldho Alias reaching double figures (23) against a very disciplined home attack with Adam Weir (6-2-8-3) and Laurie Stevens (6-0-14-3) the pick of the bowlers.

Puddletown visit Cerne Valley 2nds on Saturday, before what promises to be a title decider against Shaftesbury at home the following week, although Corfe Mullen, who are currently in third place, cannot be discounted as yet.

County Division Five

MARTINSTOWN 2ND (5) 113 ALL OUT LOST TO WITCHAMPTON 2ND (19) 115-6 BY 4 WICKETS

DESPITE a superb bowling display from Finlay Williams who took 5-24 from six overs, Martinstown 2nds were unable to avoid defeat.

Asked to bat at Lower Ashton Farm, only Paul Danbury (43) was able to get on top of the home bowlers, as the hosts were dismissed for just 113 all out.

An opening first wicket response of 56 set the visitors up for victory although Williams made them work hard for their success.

BROADSTONE 3RD (20) 232-5 BEAT PORTLAND RED TRIANGLE 2ND (4) 114 ALL OUT BY 118 RUNS

BROADSTONE proved too strong for Triangle's 2nds whose season has fallen away after a bright start.

The hosts elected to bat and openers Tim Lanham (73) and Ian Fletcher (58) put on a centry stand before Pat McCallister (44) helped himself to a few.

Although Jack Marsh (3-38) grabbed a couple of late wickets, Broadstone set the Islanders 233 to win.

Despite valiant efforts from Tom Dalkins (25) and Ollie Whisker (43) nobody else contributed many and the PRT were dismissed for a meagre 114 all out.

County Division Six

SYMENE (-40) SCRATCHED BERE REGIS (20)

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BROADWINDSOR (7) v QUEEN CAMEL (7) – MATCH ABANDONED

PERSISTENT rain that began soon after play started saw the game abandoned with Broadwindsor 15-1.

Top batting performances: Simon Pengelly (Abbotsbury) 99; Nick Voss (Charlton Down) 94; Lucas Allen (Puddletown) 67; Jae Miller (Charlton Down) 64; Harry Mitchell (Weymouth) 59; Simon Proffitt (Portland Red Triangle) 55*

Top bowling performances: Simon Mitchem (Dorchester) 6-18; Simon Barrett (Portland Red Triangle) 5-7; Finlay Williams (Martinstown 2nds) 5-24; Mike Kennedy-Barnard (Martinstown) 4-21.

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Dorset Football news

WITH STUART BROOM & HOWARD LARCOMBE

Former Magpie Wood signs for Bees

BRIDPORT manager Adam Fricker has confirmed that midfielder Ben Wood has signed dual registration forms with the club.

The 27-year-old is in his third spell with Evo-Stik Division One South & West side Bideford.

Having missed a lot of the pre-season the Robins have told him he needs match fitness and he approached Fricker in order to get match fit.

Wood, who has a long throw, had a spell with Dorchester Town, joining last summer, but was released in February following the appointment of new manager Craig Laird and returned once again to Bideford for whom he made over 200 appearances.

Fricker told *View Sport*: "We tried to sign him but he was keen to play Southern League football, so when he asked about signing dual forms I was delighted.

"He will make his debut on Tonight (Wednesday) against WELLINGTON providing the paperwork has been completed."

Off colour Bees take a drubbing

Bridport 1 Willand Rovers 5

Toolstation Western League Premier – att; 133

THIS game hinged on a five minute spell either side of half time which led to Bridport tasting defeat for the first time this season.

Until then both sides had cancelled each other out in what was a drab and unexciting affair with just three efforts on goal; a long range shot from Rovers captain Brett Worbey that cleared the bar, a similar effort from the corner of the penalty area from Ed Butcher, and Cameron Andrews glancing header from Andy Martin that went wide.

Then on 42 minutes, with the advantage of the strong breeze behind him, Rovers keeper Mike Searle launched a long kick reaching the Bees penalty box. Both Ryan Hayer and Alan Hill went for the clearance which was nodded into the path of James Blake who picked his spot from 12 yards.

This instigated a series of frenzied attacks by the visitors who went for Bridport's jugular. Glenn Gould fired just wide and Jason Hutchings was forced to save down at his left hand post from Brad Ausden.

Josh Searle then fired just wide from 25 yards before the equally effective Luke Alden picked the ball up on the halfway line and ran forward unopposed to crash a 20 yard past the helpless Hutchings two minutes into first half added time, to give Willand a slightly flattering two goal interval lead.

The Bees, who were missing five regular squad players, appeared determined at reducing the deficit at the start of the second half and but for a magnificent save from Searle would have been back in it two minutes after the break.

Martin's 35-yard free kick looked destined for the net particularly as it took a deflection off a shoulder, but Searle reacted superbly to turn it away for a corner.

A goal then could have turned the game back Bridport's way, but Willand immediately went on the attack and Hutchings was forced into a brilliant double save; turning away Blake's header before parrying Adam Hill's close range follow up.

Bridport appealed for a penalty when Richard Hebditch, the one shining light in the Bees ranks, was brought to ground as he cut in from the right, before Rovers sealed the game with a third on 53 minutes when Ausden ran through the middle and beat the advancing Hutchings.

Bridport responded with another long range free kick from Martin that cleared the far upright, and a rasping shot from Butcher that stung Searle's hands, before Hutchings spectacularly turned Worbey's close range volley over the top.

Hebditch gave the Bees a glimmer of hope on 70 minutes with a delightful goal. Mark Salter cut in from the left before laying the ball off to the former Beaminster player who made room before squeezing a low curling shot that clipped the upright on its way into the net.

The game swayed back and forth as both sides looked to consolidate their position, but it was the visitors that won the battle; substitute Luke Mortimore taking the ball on his chest and weaving past two defenders before slipping it past Hutchings.

Two minutes from time Alden netted again past the bewildered Hutchings to complete the rout.

Bridport manager Adam Fricker admitted his side weren't at the races, he said: "We knew it would be tough with six missing and Braeden Symes played for 55 minutes with a sickness bug, but we still had a half decent side.

"It's the manner of the defeat that is disappointing; we got what we deserved; nothing!

Ressies still pointless

Mere Town 2 Bridport Reserves 0

BRIDPORT Reserves are still looking for their first Dorset Premier league point of the season after a 2-0 defeat at Mere Town on Saturday.

The Moonrakers took the lead on 34 minutes through Jo Patterson who was then sent off seven minutes into the second half.

However, the Bees couldn't make the man advantage count and conceded a second goal from Jack Twyford just after the hour.

The Ressies opened their season with a 3-1 home defeat to Sturminster Newton United, sub Nick Paull netted the consolation.

Local pair crash out

PERRY Street League Division One duo **Waytown Hounds** and **Uplyme**'s interest in this season's Chard Hospital cup ended with quarter final defeats on Monday evening.

The Hounds were hammered 5-0 at their Netherbury home by a Perry Street Reserves team who have returned to the PSDL after a season in the Yeovil & District League.

Up at Lightgate Lane Uplyme bowed out beaten 3-1 by Division Two side Thorncombe with just a James Souter-Phillips penalty to show for their efforts.

Results: Chard Hospital Cup quarter-finals – Chard Utd 4 Misterton 1, Forton Rangers 1 Shepton Beau 1 (Shepton won 5-4 on pens), Thorncombe 3 Uplyme 1, Waytown Hounds 0 Perry Street Res 5.

Semi finals (Thursday): Shepton Beauchamp v Chard Utd, Thorncombe v Perry Street Res.

Bees take second Devon scalp

Bridport A 3 Axmouth Utd 0

Pre-season friendly

BRIDPORT A sent another Devon team back over the border empty handed after they beat DEvon & Exeter League Division Two outfit Axmouth at St Mary's last Thursday.

The goals came from Harry Pollard Kieran McAllister and Callum Middleton.

Next up Bridport travel to Dorset Division Two team Maiden Newton & Cattistock.

■ **ON LOAN:** Ben Wood (in action for Dorchester Town) is in line to make his debut for Bridport against Wellington tonight. ***Photo by PHIL STANDFIELD***

■ **GREAT FUN: The junior members pictured on the Cobb North Wall, back row from left: Jack Pellow, Alice, Saffron & Phoebe Clark, Millie Downes, Abi Greenslade, Jimmy Brett, Emily Yates. Front: Isabella Pellow, Henry Birchall, William Birchall.**

CHARD & District Swimming Club had a great turnout of local swimmers some in their first open water event and holiday members in the recent RNLI Lifeboat Week sea challenge swim in Lyme Regis, swimming from Cobb Gate to North Wall, a distance of approximately 450 metres.

Members taking part ranged in ages from as young as 6 to 13 in the junior swim, and from 15 to 50 plus in the adult category.

Millie Downes 13, was first girl in the junior swim, and Jimmy Brett, also 13, was first boy.

Others taking part in the junior swim included Phoebe & Saffron Clark 13, Alice Clark 11, Henry Birchall 10, William Birchall 8, Ellie Birchall 6, Jack Pellow 12, Isabella Pellow 10, Emily Yates 12.

In the adult swim, coach Malcolm Greenslade came in first, with others finishing in the top few including Paul Harrison, 18, Simon Davis 15, Ollie Thorogood 21 and Flo Swan, 18, and other members taking part were Hope Horsfield 18, and Lauren Harrison, 20.

Anyone interested in finding out more about competitive swimming with the club, who train at Flamingo Pool, Axminster, Chard Kingfisher Pool and Crewkerne Aqua Centre can find details at *chardswimming.co.uk*

Cup winners

■ **CHAMPS: Bridport Bowling Club's Men's team of (standing, from left); John Carter, Barry Shortland, Dave Roberts, Keith Brooks. Front; Mike Smith, Ben Jones, President Hazel Newbold, Chris Thorne and Brian Rumble won the South Dorset President's Cup at Greenhill Bowling Club on Saturday, August 5th.**

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INSIDE: Lyme Regis bowlers avoid relegation

Lyme hosts National Gul championships

LYME Regis Sailing Club is currently hosting a week-long Gul European and National sailing Championships which began on Sunday.

With an entry of 85 boats, including 34 from overseas, this class has attracted top sailors since the 60s and Lyme's sailing waters are ideally suited to the two-man, three-sail Fireballs.

Courses have to be set well out to sea to ensure clear winds for fair competition.

Saturday presented good winds and testing waves for the practice races, but Sunday began with light breezes and ended with reduced visibility and stronger winds changing direction as the seas picked up again necessitating adjustment to the course.

Principal race officer Peter Baldwin had to recall the fleet six times for race one, too many boats being over the line at the start with a tidal influence difficult to assess and 17 were disqualified.

The visibility closed in, the wind backed to the south, with veteran Fireball helm David Sayce winning. For the second race, the chastened fleet got away first time, the wind having swung back to the SW and strengthened to over 12 knots, visibility was further reduced.

The winner of the practice race, Ian Dobson took line honours. *(Full results to follow next week).*

■ **MAGESTIC SIGHT:** Winner of Race 2, Ian Dobson, leads downwind.

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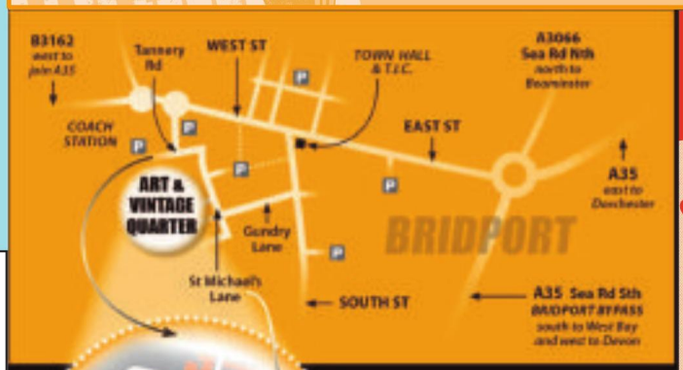

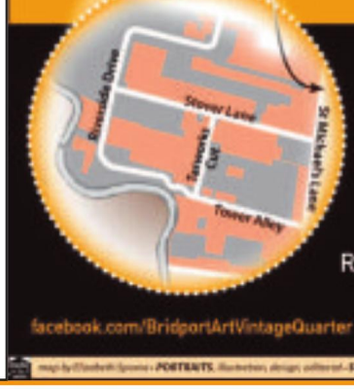

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